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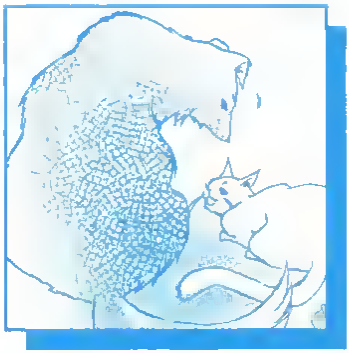

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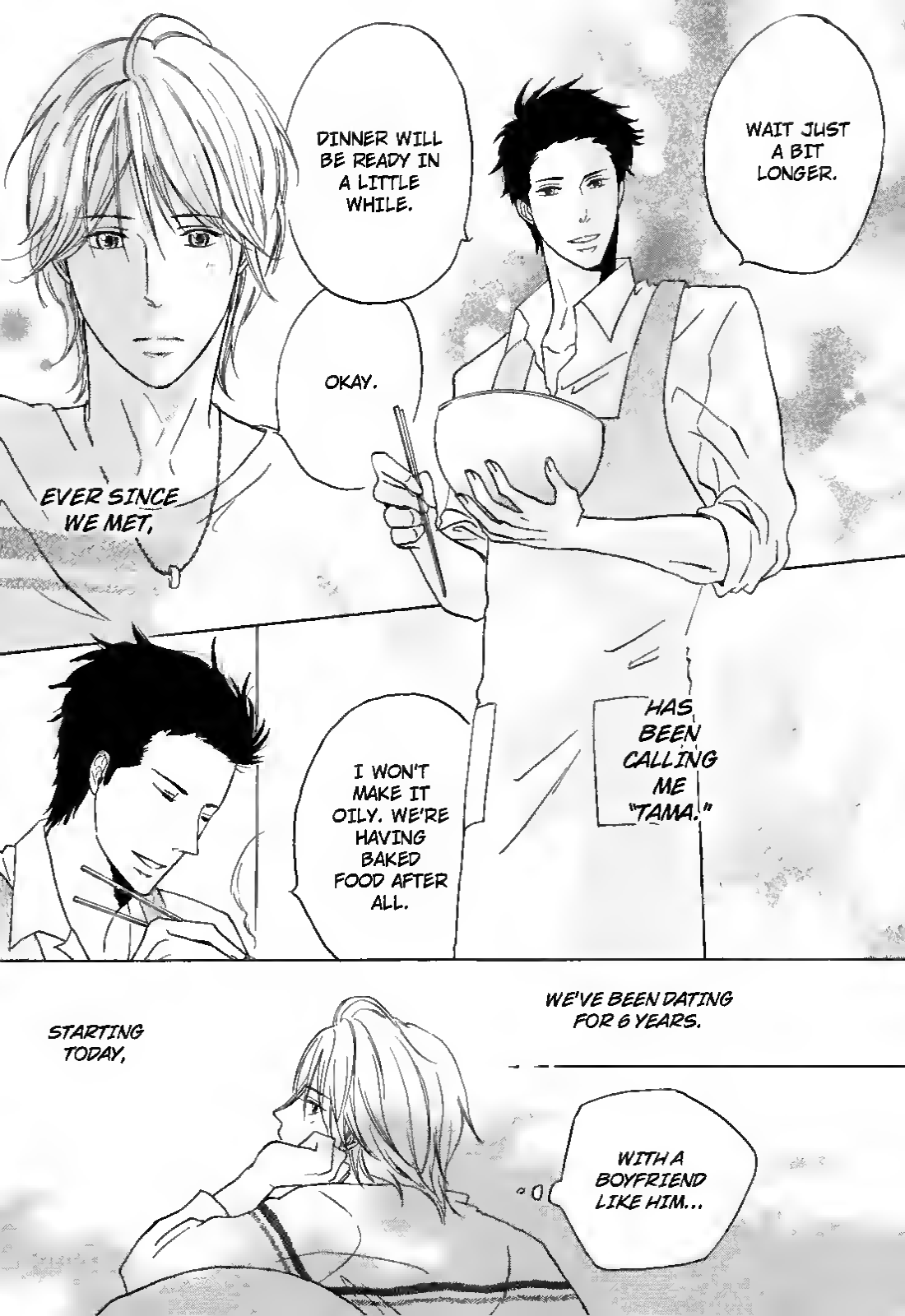
SO, YOU TWO WINNERS ARE FINALLY LIVING TOGETHER, HUH!?
THE DAY I STARTED TO LIVE WITH POCHI,
MY FEW FRIENDS CALLED ME TO TELL ME THEIR FRUSTRATION.
ポチとタマ
POCHI AND TAMA
@Ch.1
YEAH, YEAH.
YOU'RE MEN! IT PISSES ME OFF!
AND I JUST GOT DUMPED NOT TOO LONG AGO!
YES, I AM!!
POP
POP
MARIKO, ARE YOU DRUNK?
YOU ONLY GET TO SAY "YEAH" ONCE!

I HEARD.
... MARIKO GOT DUMPED AGAIN.
TURN
HUH?
ANYWAY, CONGRATS!
...
CLICK
HEY, "TAMA."
MY BOYFRIEND ...
POP POP
SHE'LL PROBABLY MAKE ME GO DRINKING WITH HER SOON...
CHILI
BUT SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL ... I WONDER WHY SHE GOT DUMPED?
HA HA


WAIT JUST A BIT LONGER.
DINNER WILL BE READY IN A LITTLE WHILE.
OKAY.
EVER SINCE WE MET,
HAS BEEN CALLING ME "TAMA."
I WON'T MAKE IT OILY. WE'RE HAVING BAKED FOOD AFTER ALL.
WE'VE BEEN DATING FOR 6 YEARS.
STARTING TODAY,
WITH A BOYFRIEND LIKE HIM...

WE'LL BE LIVING TOGETHER, HUH...
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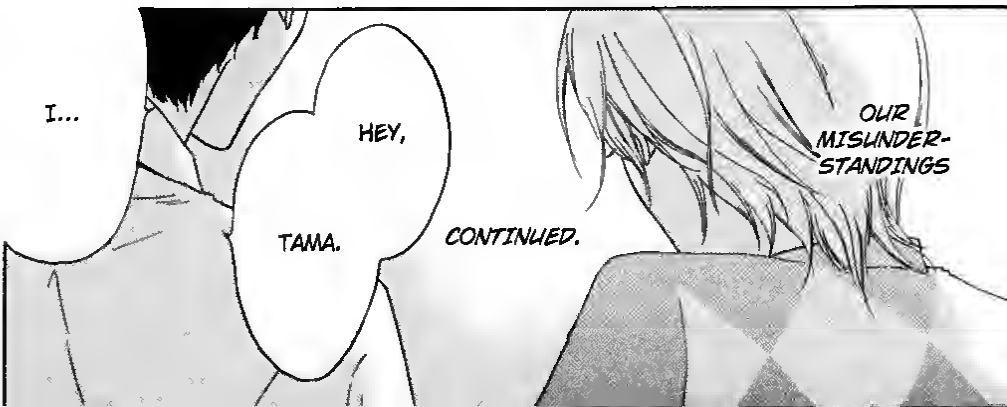
SIX YEARS AGO...
HEY!
HIM?
I WAS INTO HIM WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE ME THE FIRST TIME.
MEANING PEOPLE I KNOW BROUGHT HIM ALONG
POCHI, WHO APPEARS STRAIGHT.
WOAH, HE'S TALL.
YO, THIS IS MY COWORKER.
じっ... STARE
WHAT THE... WHY WON'T HE STOP STARING AT ME LIKE THAT...?
HE GAVE ME A WEIRD NICKNAME.
AH, HE'S DEFINITELY LIKE A CAT
YOU'RE JUST LIKE A CAT!
CAN I CALL YOU TAMA?*
STARE じっ
SHOCK
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY!?
*TYPICAL NAME FOR A CAT IN JAPAN

*TYPICAL NAME FOR A DOG IN JAPAN

TAMA... YOU DRANK TOO MUCH.
TIME TO SAVE AND QUIT.
カシ
RATTLE
WEIRDO...

...
I WANNA DRINK SOME MORE TODAY.
...
STILL GOING TO SAY IT?
AND I'M SAYING YOU LOOK LIKE A TAMA.
I KEEP TELLING YOU, STOP CALLING ME TAMA...
NO WAY
GIMME ANOTHER
IN THE END, POCHI AND TAMA HANG OUT TOGETHER.

SEVERAL MONTHS LATER...
TWITCH
ARE THINGS NOT GOING WELL FOR YOU?


I...
HEY, TAMA.
CONTINUED.
OUR MISUNDER-STANDINGS

TAMA, I LOVE YOU.
...
YOU'RE WEIRD ...
IT'S NOT THAT THE BEGINNING OF THINGS WITH POCHI...

THEY WENT QUIETLY AND CALMLY...
WENT SMOOTHLY ALL THE TIME, BUT ...
I DON'T REALLY GET HUNGRY IN THE MORNING, EVEN IF I DON'T EAT.
LOW BLOOD PRESSURE AND ALL.
IF I EAT IN THE MORNING, I'M NOT HUNGRY FOR LUNCH.
YOU DON'T USUALLY EAT BREAKFAST...?
WHAT?
I ALWAYS TOOK THINGS AT MY OWN PACE, BUT POCHI WAS ALWAYS MORE HIGH-STRUNG THAN ME.
I'LL COME AND MAKE IT FOR YOU EVERY MORNING!
I'LL DRIVE HERE!
THAT'S NOT OKAY!
ROAR
POCHI SAYS NO.

EVEN THOUGH I'M SURE HE'S TIRED FROM HIS OFFICE JOB...
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO GO.
HE REALLY SPOILS ME.
EASY DOES IT.
HE WOULD SUDDENLY MAKE FOOD,
AND BEFORE I REALIZED IT, HE HAD ALSO CLEANED AND DONE THE LAUNDRY.
I'M DONE.
...
AMAZING!
AMAZED
HIS LEVEL OF SKILLS EVEN SURPRISED HOUSE-WIVES.
... I THINK

... HAVE A GOOD DAY AT WORK.
TAKE IT EASY.
OH YEAH? IT'S BECAUSE I GOT SOME GOOD HAM.
I'LL MAKE IT AGAIN.
THE HAM SANDWHICH TODAY WAS VERY GOOD...
ONLY CAME TO MAKE BREAKFAST
WORK-AT-HOME TRANSLATOR↑
EVERY MORNING...
:
SEE YOU LATER.

POCHI...
SLAM...
DOESN'T ALWAYS COME BACK TO MY PLACE AT NIGHT.
POCHI COMES OVER TO MAKE BREAKFAST,
CREAK
AND I SEND HIM OFF TO WORK, BUT...
I'LL COME BY LATER.
AFTER SENDING POCHI OFF TO WORK...

DRIP
DRIP
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HIS PRESENCE REMAINS ALL OVER MY APARTMENT...
SIGH
SLIP
... MAYBE HE WON'T COME BACK.

"POCHI."
SHRUG
MEOW!
"POCHI."
WOOF!
"POCHI..."
BEEP BEEP
...
WOAH.
WHEN I WOKE UP, MY BODY HURT SO BADLY IT FELT LIKE I WAS BEING TORN APART.
MY HEAD WAS POUNDING, BUT...
IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR THIS TO HAPPEN TO ME.
GASP
GASP

FEVER...
101.8°
POCHI WILL PROBABLY BE MAD AT ME...
TAMA...
KERCHACK
HE CAME...
TMP
GOOD MORNING, TAMA!
TMP
...
... PAUSE.

YOU NEED TO TAKE YOUR COLD MEDICINE.
YDU WON'T TAKE YOUR MEDICINE ...
... OKAY...
I'LL COME BACK LATER TONIGHT.
LAY DDWN.
POCHI CHANGED HIS CLOTHES, APPLIED AN ANTI-FEVER PATCH, AND WRAPPED HIM IN A FUTON
SNUGGLED UP
PANT
PANT
YOU'RE ONLY IN THIS MESS BECAUSE YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF...
... BUT..
HERE'S SOME OATMEAL.

DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT STRAINS YOUR EYES.
READING IS FORBIDDEN.
... I WON'T.
WHEN I CATCH A COLD...

I GET SO UPSET ABOUT STRANGE THINGS THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANY MORE.
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO ABOUT MY FEAR OF BECOMING ALONE...
... I'LL COME BACK AS SOON AS I CAN...
OKAY, TAMA... ?
POCHI...

TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
FWUMP
むくっ…
SLIP
スリ
… I NEED THE TOILET…

... WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?
PSSH ...
RIIIP
PANT
PANT
COUGH
HACK
HACK
BLEH ..
TICK
TICK
... POCHI IS LATE...
HURRY ...
HURRY ...
POCHI...

KERCHACK
CHACK
CHACK
TAP
TAP
TAP
BAM
* HALLWAY
TAMA!?
DROP

I'M SO GLAD... I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE COMING.
I GOT STUCK GOING TO A PARTY FOR A NEW EMPLOYEE...
WHY ARE YOU IN THE COLDEST PLACE IN YOUR APARTMENT...?
... POCHI?
UFFDA.
ANYWAY, TO THE BED...
POCHI...
WELCOME HOME.
I WANTED TO SAY THAT FOR SOME REASON.
I WONDERED WHAT POCHI WOULD SAY...
...

IF I WAITED FOR HIM IN THE HALLWAY TO SAY THAT...
... TAMA.
... HEY, TAMA.
SWP

TAMA,
LET'S LIVE TOGETHER.

I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME.
LEGALLY SPEAKING, WE CAN'T...
LIVE WITH...
BUT AS FAR AS OUR FEELINGS GO...
PANT
はぁ
はぁ
PANT
WITH POCHI?
...

MEOW
... SINCE YOU CALL ME TAMA, DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE MAKING ME YOUR PET?
PANT
HUH!?

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT, TAIICHI!
I JUST... I HAVE ALWAYS...
AND WILL ALWAYS WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH YOU!

MY REAL NAME...
... THAT'S RIGHT.
...
PANT
WAVER
HE CALLED ME BY MY REAL NAME.
... HEY, TAIICHI?
FLOP
GOT IT...
WAIT, WHAT DID HE "GET"?
...
MAYBE BECAUSE IT'S BEEN SO LONG,
IT WAS STRANGELY EMBARRASSING TO HEAR.
HE HASN'T SAID IT IN SO LONG...

BUT...

I HEARD IT AS A VERY SPECIAL SOUND...

AND I CHERISH IT.

MEOW

SO, TOGETHER WITH POCHI...

THAT DOESN'T SOUND HALF BAD.

SOMETIMES WE WERE VISITED BY SILLY HAPPENINGS...
IT IS NOT FINE!!
OW! OW! IT'S FINE, JUST LEAVE IT!
I GOT THE WRONG SIZE!?
I CAN'T GET THE RING OFF!?
LATER...

AND EVEN THOUGH THE RING GOT STUCK ON MY KNUCKLE...
THAT WOULD BE GOOD.
... WE CAN EXCHANGE IT FOR ONE THAT FITS.
THESE THINGS JUST MEANT THAT WE WOULD BE LIVING TOGETHER.

...
PHEW
... TAMA, DID YOU FALL ASLEEP...?
... OH, YOU.
... DO YOU UNDERSTAND,
TAMA... ?
I'M A COWARDLY PERSON.

POCHI AND TAMA CH. 1 / END

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POCHI AND TAMA

THESE POTATOES ARE EXCELLENT.
COOKING, CLEANING, LAUNDRY, PHYSICAL LABOR, AND MORE... I FEEL LIKE POCHI IS DOING A LOT OF WORK.
HUH?
SO THEN, WHAT DO I DO... ?
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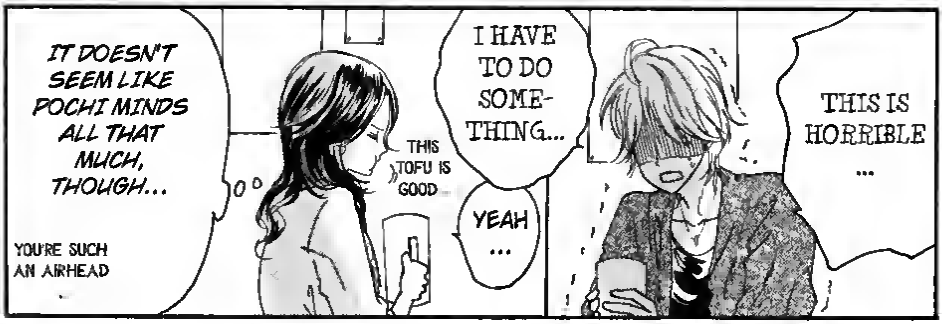
WHAT!?
SLAM
EXCUSE ME, CAN I HAVE A REFILL ON MY BEER?
CHATTER
CHATTER
THANKS FOR WAITING!
PLEASE TELL ME THAT YOU'RE JOKING!
I'M NOT...
UM...
MAYBE IT WAS A MISTAKE TO ASK MARIKO FOR ADVICE.
ABOUT MARIKO
ONE OF TAMA'S FEW FRIENDS; THEY KNOW EACH OTHER FROM SCHOOL A HARD WORKING CAREER WOMAN
SHE WORKS IN BONDS
TK
SNAP
ALWAYS MAKING FOOD THAT TAKES EFFORT
LINES UP LAUNDRY LIKE A PRO HOUSE-WIFE
STRONG MAN
I WAS JUST WONDERING IF IT WAS OKAY...
I JUST NOTICED THIS RECENTLY, BUT...
EVER SINCE WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER, POCHI HAS...
BEEN DOING EVEN MORE FOR ME THAN HE HAD BEFORE.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR GAY LOVEY-DOVEY CRAP.
!?
HMPH!
IT MAKES ME A BIT UNCOMFOR-TABLE, SO...
FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, HE'S BEEN EXTREMELY GRACIOUS TO YOU FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
IT PISSES ME OFF.
YOU KNOW, IF YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT NOW,
YOU REALLY SHOULD REMEMBER HOW DEDICATED HE WAS EVEN BEFORE YOU LIVED TOGETHER.
WHEN TAMA GOT TIRED FROM MOVING, DID MOST OF THE WORK
GASP
GASP
DEVICES
DISHES
NURSES HIM AND NEVER LEAVES HIS SIDE WHEN HE'S SICK
?
SHE HAS A POINT...


IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE POCHI MINDS ALL THAT MUCH, THOUGH...
YOU'RE SUCH AN AIRHEAD
THIS TOFU IS GOOD
I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING...
YEAH ...
THIS IS HORRIBLE ...

BUT MY LIFESTYLE...

HAS COME TO COMPLETELY DEPEND ON POCHI!!

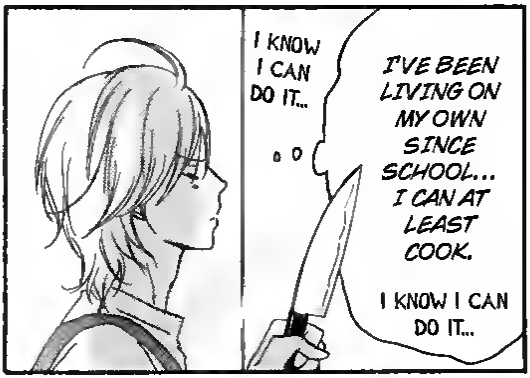
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE ONE BIT BEFORE WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER...

I MEAN... HE ALWAYS...
DOES EVERYTHING LIKE IT'S THE NORMAL THING TO DO...
MRR MRR
AND BEING TREATED LIKE THAT MAKES ME...
TAMA!
POCHI!
DID YOU GO SOME-WHERE?
I HAD A DRINK WITH MARIKO.
OH, SHE GAVE US SOME WINE AS A CONGRAT-ULATIONS GIFT.
CRINKLE
POHCI IS NICE AS EVER TODAY.
OH!
THAT'S NICE.
MARIKO IS THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD DO THIS.
YOU'RE WELCOME

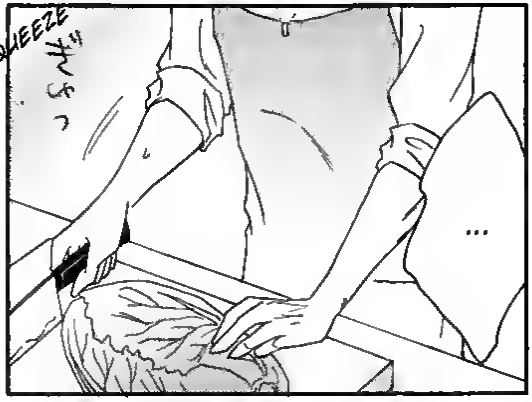
I GET IT!!
OH!
I JUST GOT SOME CHICKEN AT THE SUPER-MARKET.
RUSTLE
IF I COOK IT WITH HERBS IT'LL GO WITH THE WINE.
SHALL WE DO THAT?
SINCE WE HAVE THE WINE HE WOULD GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO GET INGREDIENTS TO SUIT THE WINE...
TAMA?
I WOULD NEVER EVEN THINK OF THAT.
SLUMP
HUH?
PAT なで
PAT なで
WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU HUNGRY?
GASP

OH...
I SAID "YEAH."
THIS WAY IT'S THE SAME CONVERSATION WE ALWAYS HAVE.
WELL, LET'S GET HOME THEN.
GASP
NOD
... YEAH.
SHOULD I MAKE SOMETHING LIGHT?
SMILE
AFTER ALL, YOU WERE JUST DRINKING.
MRRR MRR
... POCHI'S SMILE IS MORE THAN IT SEEMS.
WHEN POCHI SMILES,
IT SOMEHOW MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I WANT TO DEVOTE EVERYTHING TO HIM...

WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY DO FOR POCHI?

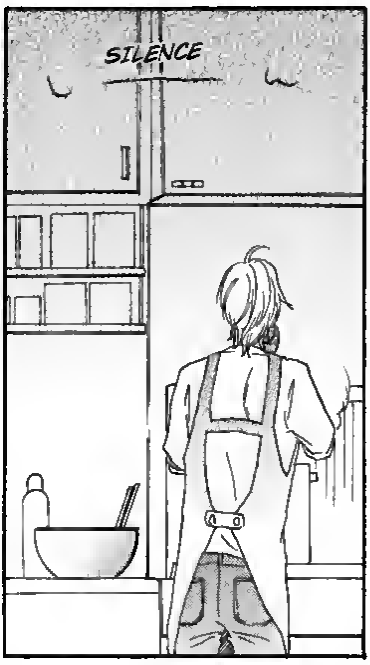


HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HELP HIM OUT?



(THIS TOOK TWO HOURS)

IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE THE SUBTLE FLAVOR...
RIGHT NOW IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S MISSING SOMETHING
... GROSS.
WELL... NO, BUT IT'S NOT GOOD, EITHER.



WEL-
WELCOME HOME...
OH...
HOW RARE FOR YOU TO BE COOKING!
POCHI HAS COME HOME!
SHOCK
CHACK
CHOMP
TAMA...
POCHI IS NICE... I BET HE'S JUST SAYING THAT...
POCHI'S IS TASTIER...
IS THAT THE TRUTH?
... THANKS.
YEP, THAT'S PRETTY TASTY.

THANK YOU.
STARE
...
NOM
NOM
OH YEAH!
I'LL DO SOMETHING TOMORROW, TOO!!

PART 2
CHIRP
チュン
CHIRP
チュン
HMM?
TAMA,
HAVE YOU SEEN THE GARBAGE BAG THAT I LEFT HERE?
I HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT TODAY.
HERE
OH... THE GARBAGE?
I GOT UP A BIT EARLY SO I TOOK IT OUT.
HUH!?
YDU DID!?
THANK YOU!
YEP.
TRUTH IS...
I FORCED MYSELF TO GET UP EARLY AND TAKE IT OUT.
DARK CIRCLES
HA HA HA
ふぇ
FWAAA

POCHI IS AMAZING...
HE'S BEEN TAKING OUT MY TRASH FOR 6 YEARS...
AND HE COOKS.
AND HE TAKES CARE OF HIS OWN THINGS AS WELL.
SOMEONE SLOPPY LIKE ME COULD ONLY SAY THAT HE'S AMAZING...
BUT... THAT IS EXACTLY WHY I WANT TO DO WHAT I CAN.
HAVE A GOOD DAY.
SEE YOU LATER.
MWA
I'M GOING TO COME HOME EARLY TODAY, SO...
SQUEEZE
AFTER ALL, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LIFE TOGETHER FOREVER...
HA HA
WHAT IS THAT?
HM?
A PREVIEW.
HEE
OF?

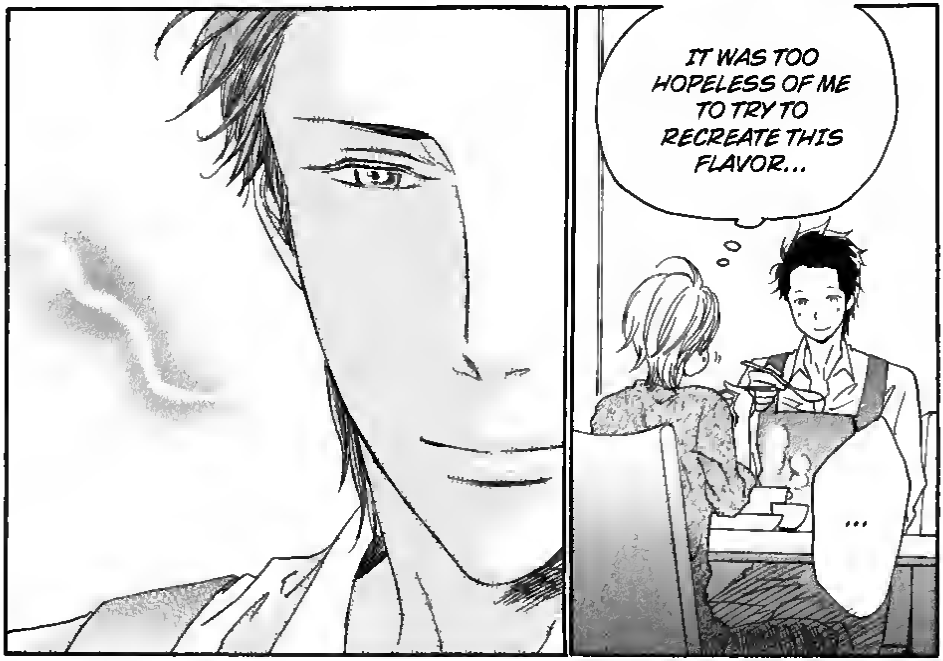
PART 3
IN SIX YEARS, THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO DO HOUSEHOLD CHORES IS CLEAR...
CLEANING THE BATHTUB
... THAT IS WHAT I SAID.
WHEN I SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT DEPENDENT ON POCHI, BUT...
I CAN'T GET THE GRIME OFF HERE!
I BET POCHI COULD MAKE IT ALL CLEAN
GASP
I CAN'T LEAVE EVERYTHING AROUND THE HOME TO POCHI.
IDLE COMPLAINTS...
GRUMBLING AND MUTTERING...
... IT'S BECAUSE
POCHI DOESN'T SAY A WORD ABOUT IT...

LIKE, AT LEAST DO SOME CLEANING...
LIKE THAT HE'S TIRED FROM WORK...
OR THAT TODAY HE JUST WANTS TO ORDER OUT FOR DINER...
OR CLEAN YOURSELF UP A BIT...
HE DOES SCOLD ME FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT... IT'S NEVER ABOUT BEING DISSATISFIED.
SQUEEZE
IF HE WOULD JUST SAY THESE THINGS, I WOULD DO WHAT I COULD TO HELP HIM...
JUST SPOILS ME ROTTEN.
BUT POCHI...

SO, WHAT ABOUT ME...?
SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD...
OH... POCHI MUST BE MAKING DINNER.
I WONDER WHAT HE MADE TODAY...
...HUH?
PSHHH
CHACK
SIZZLE
CHACK
CHACK

FWAP
DINNER!?
...WAIT.
JUST HOLD ON.
POCHI...
AH, TAMA! DINNER WILL BE READY SOON.
SIZZLE
I'M NOT USED TO GETTING UP EARLY, SO...
I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.
CLINK
IT'S READY! LET'S EAT.
THIS IS EMBARRASSING...
OKAY...
SLUMP
CHACK

OF COURSE THE FOOD HE MAKES IS THE BEST...
NOM
POCHI MADE DINNER...


IT WAS TOO HOPELESS OF ME TO TRY TO RECREATE THIS FLAVOR...
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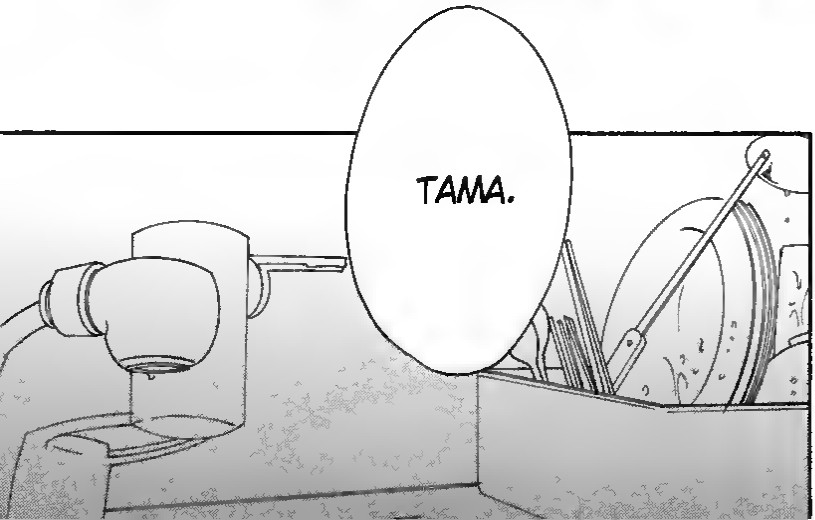
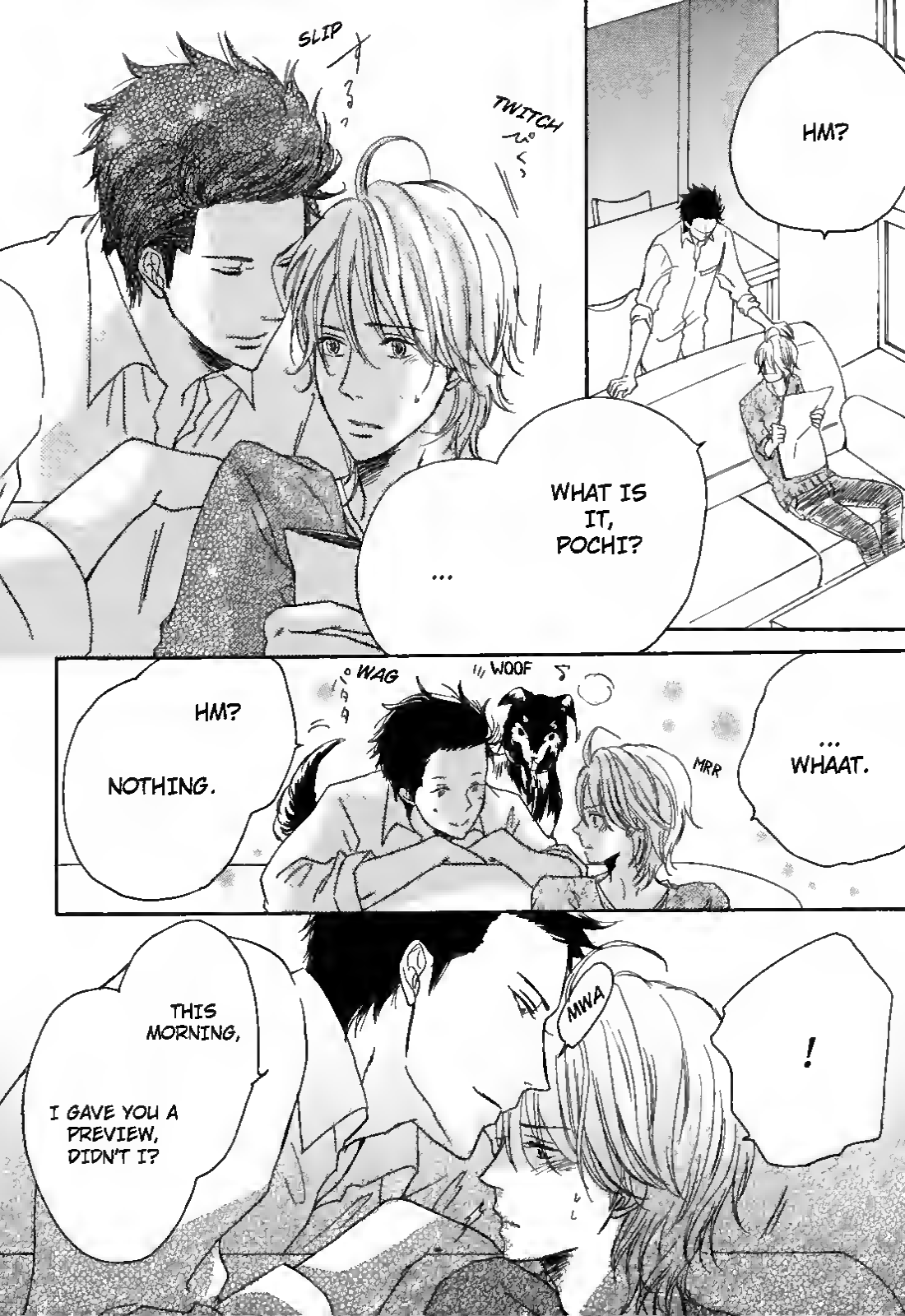

TAMA.


SLIP
TWITCH
HM?
WHAT IS IT, POCHI?
...
WAG
WOOF
HM?
NOTHING.
MRR
...WHAAT.
THIS MORNING,
I GAVE YOU A PREVIEW, DIDN'T I?
MWA
!

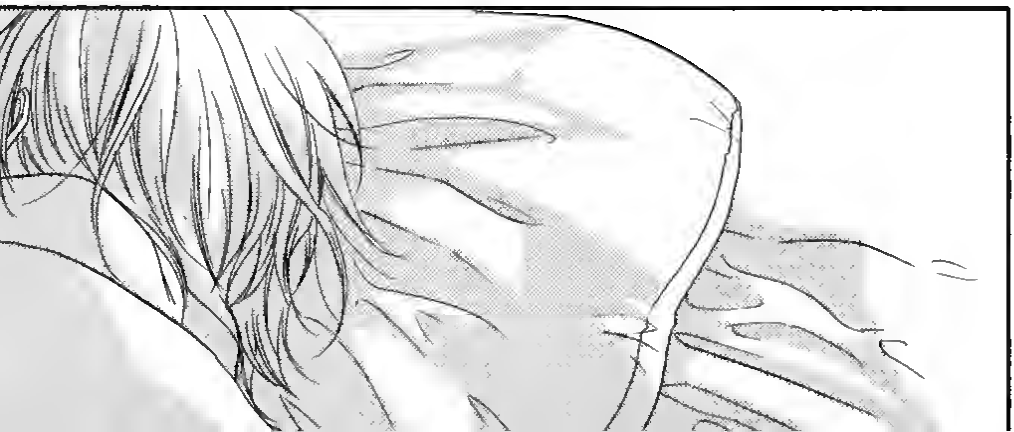
DAMN...
POCHI'S OH-SO-SWEET VOICE...
TA-MA.
MWA
TAMA.
TAMA...
MWA
MM...
IS SUPER BOTHER-SOME AS WELL.

MM!!
HAH...
MM...
AH...
SLURP
SLURP
SLURP
SHUDDER
GULP
MWA
TAMA.

I KNEW IT... POCHI IS...
UNFAIR...
HAH...
GRAB
WHENEVER HE SAYS THE SLIGHTEST THING...
TAMA...
AH...
... POCHI...
I GET ALL MESSED UP AND I CAN'T THINK AT ALL.

TWITCH
... AH.
POCHI IS DUMB.
UWAH...
POCHI IS DUMB.
SLIP
...
PHEW
I CAN'T... WHY...
PANT

AT THIS RATE, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I'LL JUST KEEP BEING DEPENDENT ON HIM.



... I MEAN, IT'S NOT THAT IT'S A BAD THING EITHER WAY...
THE PROBLEM IS BEING USEFUL...
HUH...?
"SO"...?
SO?
SOMETHING HAS BEEN BOTHERING YOU, RIGHT? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE EVER SINCE YOU WENT DRINKING WITH MARIKO.
I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT...
AH...
YOU SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME...
YES I DID.
OF COURSE I CAN'T FOOL POCHI.
HIS SENSE OF SMELL
STRANGE...
SNIFF
SNIFF
CAN SNIFF OUT ANYTHING...
UH...
HE CAUGHT ME...

... WELL, THOSE ARE ABOUT THE ONLY THINGS I CAN DO...
OH... SO THAT'S WHY YOU COOKED AND TOOK OUT THE TRASH?
I GET IT...
CONFUSED
YOU WANTED...
TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME?
PLINK
TK
VOOSH
CLEANING IMPLEMENT
YOU DO MORE AROUND THE HOUSE THAN EVER BEFORE...
SINCE WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER,
POCHI ...
CLENCH
IS THAT ALL!?
ANGRY
I WAS HONESTLY UPSET!
WHAT, IS THAT ALL IT WAS?
HA HA HA
SO I...

I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COMFORTABLE HOME FOR YOU, TAMA.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANY OF THAT.
BE IT CLEANING OR WHATEVER, I'LL DO IT ALL.
RELAXING
FLOP
FLOP
IF YOU CAN RELAX,
THEN THAT'S ALL I NEED.
I'M NOT USEFUL TO YOU...
SO THEN, I...
HEY... HOLD ON!
IF YOU'RE HAPPY, I DON'T MIND.
HA HA!
FWUMP

AS MUCH AS YOU NEED TO BE.
HMPH
YOU ARE USEFUL.
BECAUSE, YOU'RE AT MY SIDE LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW?
...
SWP

POCHI IS DUMB!!
TAMA...
CHIRP
TAMA, IT'S MORNING.
ゆさ SHAKE
ゆさ SHAKE
MM...
ITCHY
SNUGGLE
...POCHI.
AH...
YOU HAVE TOO MANY WANTS...
ALL THAT.
HA HA.
REALLY?
I HONESTLY CAN'T TAKE IT...

EVERY MORNING,
TMP
TEN MORE MINUTES...
HA HA.
OH, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU?
JUST LIKE ALWAYS, POCHI IS VERY SWEET TO ME.
... TODAY IS A HOLIDAY.
GO AHEAD AND REST.
POCHI, YOU REST TOO!
WAH!
LOOKS LIKE THE USUAL WAY OF THINGS IS BEST AFTER ALL.

POCHI AND TAMA CH. 2 / END

ポチとタマ
POCHI AND TAMA

ポチとタマ
POCHI AND TAMA Ch.3
IT'S NOT THAT ANYTHING CHANGED DRAMATICALLY, BUT...
THIS DAY HAS BEEN A BIT TENSE.
OH, THE WEATHER IS NICE TODAY.
AFTER ALL, TODAY IS...
YEP.
RATTLE
RATTLE
NEW YEAR'S.
HAPPY NEW YEAR'S.

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PEEK
ひょっこり
POCHI, HAVE WE GOTTEN ANY NEW YEAR'S CARDS?
NO, NOT YET. BUT JUST WAIT A BIT, I'M SURE THEY'RE COMING.
WHAT A BUMMER.
WOAH... ANOTHER HUGE POT... THE INGREDIENTS ARE BIG TOO. SO MUCH...
PAT PAT パタ パタ
STUFFED
ぎっしり
IT'S FOR LUNCH TOO. I THOUGHT I'D PREPARE IT ALL NOW.
ALRIGHT, AND NOW LIKE THIS...
FWP
ポフッ
OH... THE LID WON'T CLOSE...
SQUEEZE
ぎゅうぎゅう
SQUEEZE
ぎゅ～
WELL, I'M SURE IT'LL BE FINE IF WE COOK IT. SOMEHOW.

I HOPE YOU'LL USE IT THIS YEAR.
HEY, POCHI.
HERE YOU GO.
HA HA
THIS IS ANOTHER NEW YEAR'S TRADITION, HUH?
WHAT SHOULD I WRITE IN IT THIS YEAR...?
EVER SINCE WE FIRST STARTED DATING,
WE HAVE OUR CUSTOMS THAT WE DO WITHOUT FAIL.

SILENCE...
SCRITCH
カリカリ
SCRITCH
カリカリ
WE ONLY DO THIS RITUAL ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.
DING
DONG
ピンポーン
HUH!?
THEY'RE EARLY THIS YEAR.
EARLIER THAN USUAL.
THEY'RE PUSHING THE DOORBELL TOO MUCH...
THEY'LL BOTHER THE NEIGHBORS.
ピンポーン DING DONG
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ピンポーン
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ピンポーン
DONG
DONG
HEY! HURRY AND OPEN UP!
WHAT, ARE THEY NOT AT HOME?
DING DONG ピンポーン
KERCHACK
NO WAY! OR RATHER, THE DOG MIGHT BE, BUT THE FICKLE KITTY WORKS FROM HOME.
UH... UM..
I THINK YOU'RE RINGING THE DOORBELL TOO MUCH...
SHE'S RIGHT, YOU ARE!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
YEAH!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MIKE... KAKEI... YOU GUYS ARE TOO LOUD...

MIKE, CURRENTLY AN ENGLISH TEACHER, IS MY FRIEND.
HIS JAPANESE IS FLUENT, THOUGH.
KAKEI IS ONE OF POCHI'S SENIOR COWORKERS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? MAKING GUESTS WAIT OUTSIDE IN THIS COLD WEATHER IS PREPOSTEROUS!
I AGREE!
I CAN CLEARLY SAY THAT THEY ARE LIVELY.
YEAH!
UM...
WELCOME, KANA.
THAT WHITE COAT IS CUTE.
COME INSIDE.
BOW
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU.
AH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

HEY, HEY! ARE YOU IGNORING US?
HUSH, JUST GET IN.
EXCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH!!
PLEASE DON'T BE SO LOUD IN THE HALLWAY!
HEY!
WELCOME.
DINNER WILL BE READY SOON, SO MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME.
OKAY!
HAPPY NEW YEARS!
WHERE'S THE TV?
HAPPY NEW YEAR, BIG BROTHER!
KANA IS POCHI'S LITTLE SISTER, AND THOUGH RARE FOR THESE DAYS, A VERY REFINED GIRL.
SHE'S A JUNIOR IN COLLEGE.
KANA, ARE YOU DOING WELL?
YEP.
NOD
CHACK

THESE THREE PEOPLE COME TO OUR APARTMENT EVERY YEAR.
INCIDENTALLY, KAKEI IS THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED POCHI AND I.
A REFERENCE TO CHAPTER 1
YO
OH! THAT LOOKS GREAT! LET'S HURRY AND EAT!
HEY, WHERE'S THE BOOZE?
...
COULD YOU CONTROL YOURSELF A LITTLE?
MIKE!
GRAB
よいっ
AH!
WOAH! HERE COMES THE GUARD DOG!
I HATE CHRYSAN-THEMUMS.
TAMA, EAT YOUR VEGGIES.
THAT WAS MINE!
HMPH. DON'T CARE. GOTTA BE QUICK.
WELL, AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT FROM HIM BEING CALLED POCHI, HE'S LIKE A DOG.
OOH, TOFU.
YUMMY...
MIKE! AND YOU, KAKEI!

STOP
ぴた
...
EVERYONE, LET'S TRY TO GET ALONG, OKAY...?
SHOULDN'T THIS DOG HAVE A COLLAR, AS DOGS SHOULD?
HA HA
I THINK A RED COLLAR WOULD SUIT HIM NICELY
HEE HEE
DON'T MAKE FUN OF HIM.
C'MON ...
DOES'T CARE
...
STAARE
...
AH... OKAY.
HERE, EAT SOME NOODLES.
...KANA.
...
UM... UH...
THESE TWO ARE NO GOOO FOR HER.
I NEED TO INTROOUCE KANA TO A NICE BOY...
BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN PROLIFIC IN THEIR DATING LIVES, BUT...
MIKE ESPECIALLY IS A WOMANIZER.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE PARTNER FOR KANA WOULD BE A BOY WHO HAS TROUBLE SPEAKING TO THE ONE HE LIKES.
POCHI IS AN OVERPROTECTIVE WORRYWART.
IT SEEMS MIKE AND KAKEI
CAN'T HELP BUT BE INTERESTED IN KANA.

MAN, I'M STUFFED.
... BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU GUYS DONE THAT YET?
SHOVE
MROW
SHOW ME.
NO, BECAUSE YOU MADE FUN OF US.
BUT MAKING FUN OF YOU IS WHY I COME HERE!
!!
RAM
HISS
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE... ?
FWP
OH, I KNEW YOU WERE HIDING IT UNDER YOUR ASS.
KNOCK IT OFF!
"TO POCHI..."

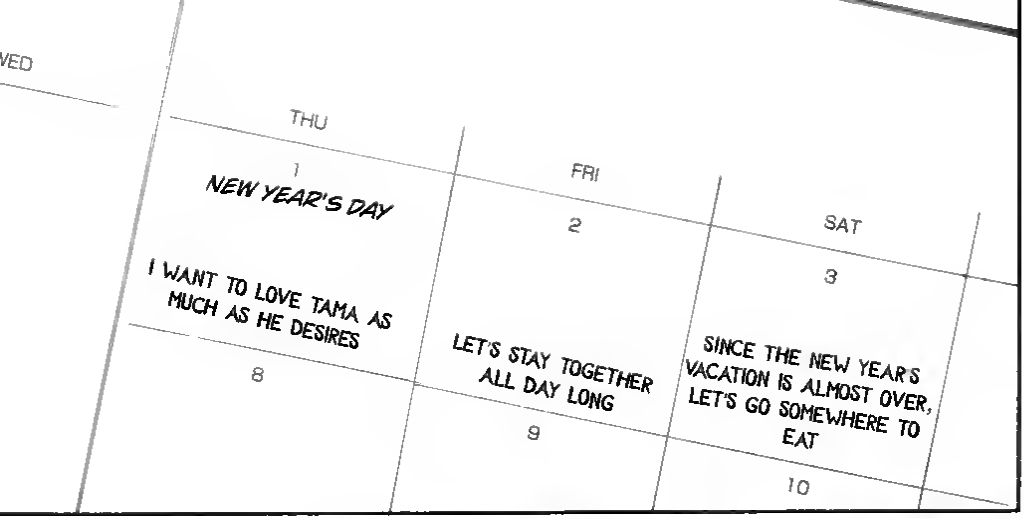
"LET'S GO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS TOGETHER."
HYAAAH!
"I'M SURE YOU'LL BE BUSY SOON, SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF."
"THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS MAKING DINNER. THIS YEAR I WANT TO HELP, SO PLEASE TEACH ME HOW TO COOK."
OOH, IT'S HOT FROM THE VERY START.
GIVE IT BACK!
HEY!
TURN
WOAH... MY TEETH ARE ROTTING JUST FROM READING THIS...
OUR NEW YEAR'S TRADITION IS...
NO.
OH, JUST SHOW US!
I WON'T!
HEY, DOGGY, SHOW US YOURS!
UWAH!
GROSS.
GRAB
IN OUR BUSY SOCIETY NOWADAYS,
THIS IS A SPECIAL METHOD OF COMMUNI-CATION JUST FOR US.
THANKS.
HERE
TO TRADE PLANNERS THAT WE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE
AND TO WRITE EACH OTHER NOTES, HOPES, AND PLANS.

NOT REALLY SOMETHING YOU NEED TO GO TO THAT MUCH EFFORT FOR...
JUST BEING HONEST.
WELL.... AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, A PLANNER IS...
← NOT INTERESTED
AND IN THIS CASE, KAKEI...
YOU LET SOMEONE WRITE WHATEVER THEY WANT IN YOUR PRIVATE PLANNER!?
NONSENSE!
SHIVER
BUT MIKE...
GOOSE-BUMPS
THAT'S SO AMAZING!!
ISN'T IT?
LIGHT UP
I WANT TO DO THE SAME WHEN I FIND SOMEONE SPECIAL!
BUT KANA...
THE EFFECT ON KANA WAS IMPORTANT TO THE TWO OF THEM.
I REALLY NEED TO FIND A GOOD BOY FOR KANA.
?
I BET THEY'D DO IT IF IT WERE WITH KANA.
UH, YEAH..
EXCHANGE!

PHEW...
I'LL TAKE HER HOME!!
SPARK
SPARKIN'
SHE'LL BE FINE, SHE GOES WITH THE FLOW WELL.
I WONDER IF KANA IS OKAY.
I SHOULD CALL.
I'LL COME BY AGAIN!
THAT'S TRUE.
THEY WERE SO LOUD THAT IT SEEMS SO SUDDENLY QUIET AFTER THEY'VE LEFT.
CHARMING!
ANNOYING!
WORRIED
...
DOES SHE... ?

HE WORRIES SO MUCH ABOUT KANA...
IT'S COMPLI-CATED...
?
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
THAT'S RIGHT, TAMA.
THUNK
RUSTLE
I AM NOT MOPEY!
NOW, NOW.
YOU WORRY-WART.
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE ALL MOPEY, BUT...
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHAT'S THE MATTER?

HERE YOU GO.
WHAT?
DID YOU LEAVE ME SOME MONEY?
FWP
READ WHAT IT SAYS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.
NEW YEAR'S DAY?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NEW YEAR'S DAY
I WANT TO LOVE TAMA AS MUCH AS HE DESIRES
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LET'S STAY TOGETHER ALL DAY LONG
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SAT
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SINCE THE NEW YEAR'S VACATION IS ALMOST OVER, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE TO EAT
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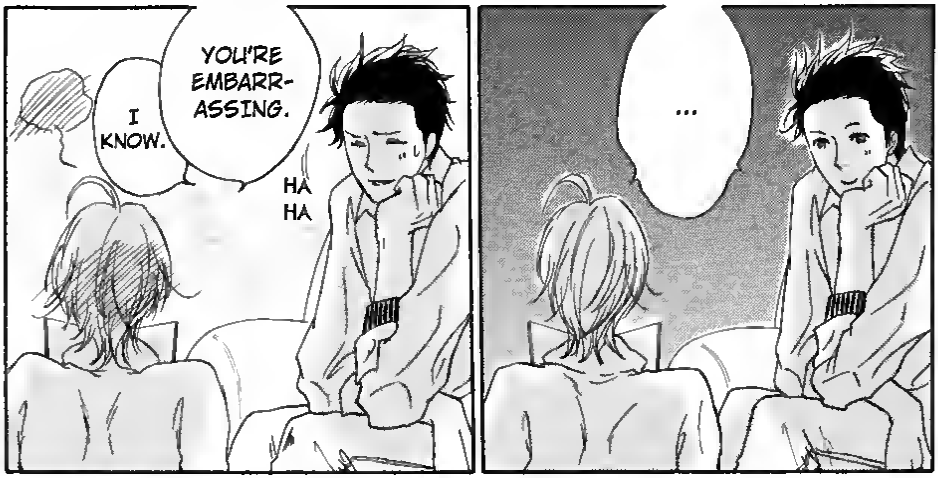
I KNOW.
YOU'RE EMBARR-ASSING.
HA HA
...

HAHA...
IT SEEMS THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH DO NOT ABATE.
SO THEY GET REVITALIZED WITH THE NEW YEAR?
YEP.
... DIDN'T WE DO ENOUGH YESTERDAY...?

THIS IS OUR FIRST NEW YEAR'S SINCE WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER.
SO DOESN'T TODAY HAVE A VERY SPECIAL MEANING?
BUT IF YOU'RE STILL TUCKERED OUT FROM YESTERDAY...
WE CAN JUST HANG OUT TODAY INSTEAD.
OR...

MWA
MWA
MM...
GRAB
HOW RARE FOR YOU TO INITIATE SOMETHING.
DID YOU GET THE URGE?
I MEAN...
YANK
MM...

IT'S THE FIRST DAY THAT POCHI AND I HAVE TRULY GREETED TOGETHER.
IT'S TRUE THAT TODAY HAS A CERTAIN SPECIAL MEANING.
TWITCH
OH...
NOW THAT HE'S MADE ME REALIZE THIS AGAIN...
GASP
MM...
AH...
CREAK
PANT
CREAK
CREAK
PANT
MM...
I CAN BE HAPPY TOO.
PANT

AH....
TWITCH
YAH...
SCHLICK
SCHLICK
AAH...
SQUEEZE
OOH...
AH!
...
PANT
PANT
MM...
TAMA...
AH!
TAMA!

TAMA,
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
OKAY...
WILL YOU BITE MY SHOULDER?
TAP
TAP
BITE...
TODAY...
YOU'RE BEING LOUDER THAN NORMAL, SO...
!!
BLUSH
AM I...?

I NEVER NOTICED AT ALL...
THAT TODAY...
CHOMP
MM...
GRAB
WAS A SPECIAL DAY...

MM...
MM...
CREAK
MM...
CREAK
CREAK
MM...
...
MM...
NOT GOOD...
MM...
MM...
CREAK
PANT
GASP
PANT
HUFF
HUFF
I CAN'T STOP BITING HIM...
MM...
CREAK

AH!
MM...
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PANT
GRAB
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THRUST
TAMA!
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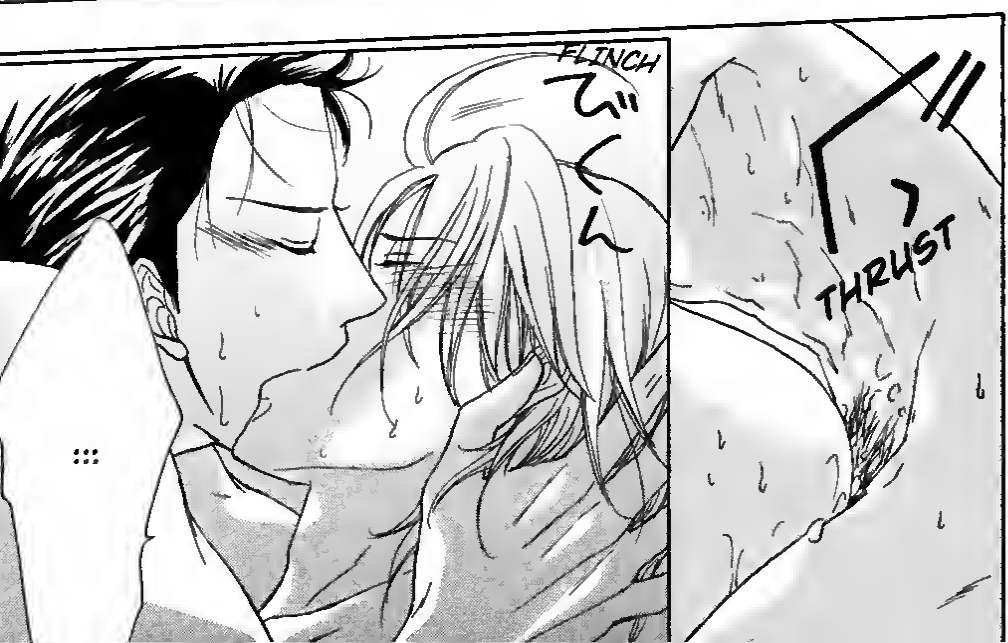
PANT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びくん
THRUST
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POCHI...
MUTTER
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...

KERCHACK
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チャ
... IT HURTS.
MY THROAT.
YOU HELD YOUR VOICE BACK TOO MUCH... AND THOUGHT TOO MUCH.
TAMA...
ARE YOU OKAY?
HMM...
WHAT COULD IT BE?
TRY AND GUESS.
SMILE
POCHI, WHY DO YOU LOOK SO HAPPY?
HA HA
NOT THAT EITHER.
... IS IT BECAUSE EVERYTHIG YOU WROTE IN MY PLANNER HAPPENED?
... NOT QUITE...
BUT SIMILAR.
... HUH?
IS IT BECAUSE YOU GOT SEX ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY?
← A BIT UPSET

TURN
むくっ
... THEN, WHAT IS IT?
EVEN AFTER YESTERDAY?
WHAT, YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW, TAMA?
WAS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?
FLOP
ポフン
WE HAD DINNER TOGETHER AND WROTE IN OUR PLANNERS AND TOOK A BATH TOGETHER AND HAD SEX...
YESTER-DAY?
YEP.

THE TRUTH IS, TODAY...
YESTERDAY, MY KITTY...
I HAVE A PLACE THAT HURTS, TOO.
HAD A RARE EXPRESSION OF DESIRE.
HE'S A BIT NOISY,
SO HE BIT MY SHOULDER.

...
AND IT HURTS MORE
THAN YOU WOULD THINK.
HEH
WHY...
WHY WOULD THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY!?
HA HA HA
FWUMP
NO, IT'S... EVEN THOUGH MY KITTY LEFT BITE MARKS,
AND THEY JUST WON'T SEEM TO FADE AWAY,
EVEN THOUGH I RUBBED THEM.
SOMETHING ABOUT IT MAKES ME HAPPY.
BUT I'D LIKE TO STATE THAT I'M NOT A MASOCHIST.
HEH
HEH
HSSS....

IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS, YESTERDAY WAS A SPECIAL DAY.
TURN
ANNOYED
... AND THAT IS, FOR ME...
POCHI!
YES?
GRAB
MM!?
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME, TOO!
I LOVE MY STUPID POCHI!!
POCHI AND TAMA CH. 3 / END

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POCHI AND TAMA

A NATIVE OF ENGLAND, WITH STUNNING LOOKS AND SMART CLOTHES...
IF I WERE TO EXPRESS WHAT I AM IN THE COMMON PARLANCE, I WOULD BE A HOT GUY.
AND BY SOME TWIST OF FATE, I TEACH ENGLISH IN JAPAN.
ポチとタマ
POCHI AND TAMA CH.4
THE LOYAL DOG
PERISHING NUISANCES, THE LOT OF THEM.
THE CAT
AND BY SOME OTHER TWIST OF FATE, THESE TWO POOFTERS ARE MY FRIENDS. (?)
LOVEY DOVEY
WHILE I MAKE MOCKING THEM ONE OF THE PLEASURES IN MY LIFE,
LATELY IT SEEMS THAT SOMETHING TROUBLING HAS HAPPENED ...
OH, MIKE!
KANA!

I HAVE FALLEN FOR THE LOYAL DOG'S LITTLE SISTER, AND GAINED A RIVAL FOR HER AFFECTIONS.
LET'S HEAD OUT,
MIKE AND KAKEI!
...
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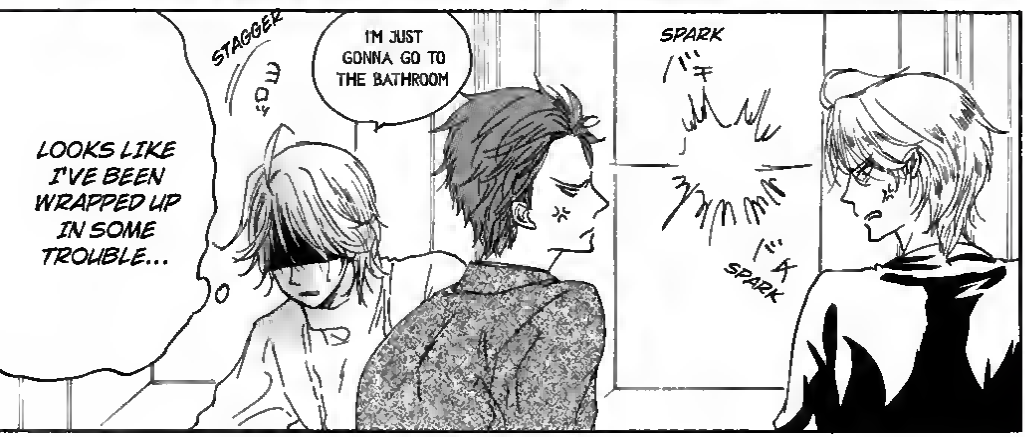
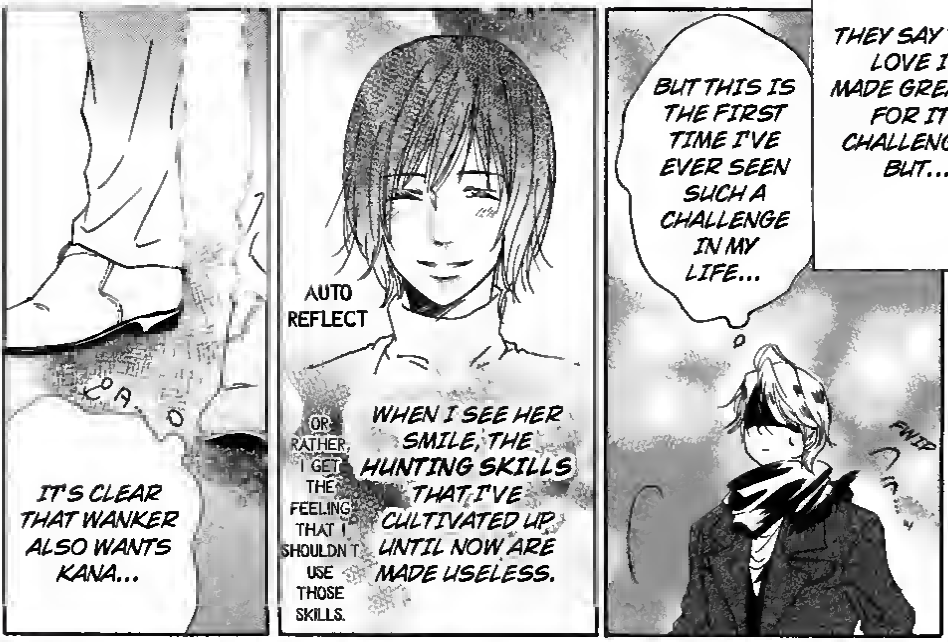
5 DAYS AGO...
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING PASSES AT KANA LATELY, HAVEN'T YOU?
DON'T SPREAD SUCH NASTY RUMORS.
POCHI IS WORRIED!
POCHI
THAT STUPID DOG... ISN'T IT ENOUGH FOR HIM TO WORRY HIMSELF OVER YOU?
I'M WORRIED TOO.
...
NOW, NOW.
I'M SURE YOU HAVE A GUESS AS TO WHY POCHI IS WORRIED?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A WOMANIZER, MIKE.
LET ME JUST SAY THIS, IT WAS THE LADY WHO INVITED ME.
AND IT WAS YOU WHO CONVINCED HER TO INVITE YOU.
...

... I SUPPOSE IT IS TRUE THAT I TRIED TO CONVINCE HER...
IT'S EASY.
BUT IT DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON KANA.
(MEANING HE COULDN'T CONVINCE HER)
BUT THE PROBLEM ISN'T JUST THAT...
THE BIGGEST ONE IS...
OH!
TAP
KAKEI!
THIS GUY!!
TAP
TAMA! WHY ARE YOU WITH THIS NIHILIST!?
IT'S RUDE TO THOSE AROUND YOU!
RATTLE
WE JUST HAPPENED TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER HERE...
YOU HAD PLANS WITH ME!
WHAT'S WITH THE TWO OF YOU MEETING?
ARE YOU TWO FOOLING AROUND?
YOU IDIOT!
WELL...
I CAN IMAGINE WHY THESE TWO WOULD BE MEETING UP HERE...
FWUMP
HMPH

DIVERSION 1
GLARE
HEY...
IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THAT YOU WERE INTENDING TO GET DETAILS ABOUT KANA'S FEELINGS FROM HIM, COULD IT?
TAMA (HIM)

DIVERSION 2
I HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.


STAGGER
I'M JUST GONNA GO TO THE BATHROOM
SPARK
SPARK
LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN WRAPPED UP IN SOME TROUBLE...


THEY SAY THAT LOVE IS MADE GREATER FOR ITS CHALLENGES, BUT...
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN SUCH A CHALLENGE IN MY LIFE...
PWIP
AUTO REFLECT
WHEN I SEE HER SMILE, THE HUNTING SKILLS THAT I'VE CULTIVATED UP UNTIL NOW ARE MADE USELESS.
OR RATHER, I GET THE FEELING THAT I SHOULDN'T USE THOSE SKILLS.
KOA
IT'S CLEAR THAT WANKER ALSO WANTS KANA...

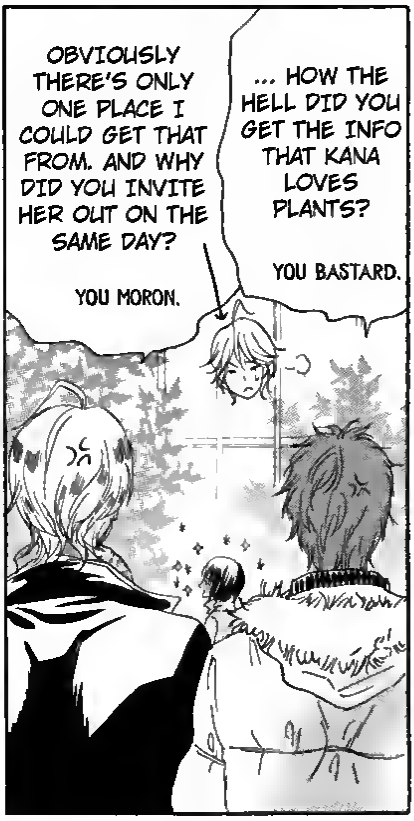
OKAY... I NEED TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!!
I'LL OUTWIT HIM!

AH... HELLO?
IS THIS MIKE?
HUH?
FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK, YOU SAY?
OH!! IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN..

WHY THIS PLACE...?
WOW!
SWAA
SWAA
SWAA
GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE FLOW FROM THE START

THIS CLEARLY WASN'T MY PLAN!

HAH,
YOU WANTED TO BE ALONE WITH KANA?
AS IF I'D LET YOU!


... HOW THE HELL DID YOU GET THE INFO THAT KANA LOVES PLANTS?
YOU BASTARD.
OBVIOUSLY THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE I COULD GET THAT FROM. AND WHY DID YOU INVITE HER OUT ON THE SAME DAY?
YOU MORON.

...HOW DARE YOU...
GASP
IF YOU'D LIKE, I COULD-
NO, UM...
ARE YOU ALONE?
GRR
GRR
N-NO!!
EEK, A FOREIGN-ER!?
GLARE
SHOCK
SWISH
PHEW
THIS GIRL'S WITH US, GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT!?

I AM A FAILURE AS A KNIGHT...
ARE YOU OKAY?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
HOW NEGLIGENT OF ME! TO LET MYSELF BE DISTRACTED BY HIM AND TAKE MY EYE OFF OF KANA FOR EVEN A MOMENT...
LUNCH
HOW ABOUT THIS?
ARE YOU DUMB? WHY WOULD YOU SUGGEST SOMETHING GREASY TO A LADY?
THIS LOOKS TASTY!
GET THIS, IDIOT!
MORON!
YOU ASSHOLE.
LATER
THAT TREE HAS ODDLY SHAPED LEAVES!
THESE FLOWERS ARE PRETTY!
DAMN IT!
SMACK
SMACK
SOUVENIR SHOP
THAT'S TOO MUCH...
I'LL BUY YOU SOMETHING!
YOU CAN EAT THIS CACTUS WITH YOUR FAMILY!
ANGRY
THIS IS... SERIOUSLY...
REALLY HARD!!
ANGRY

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I'M SERIOUS. WHAT'S WITH YOU, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WHACK
LET'S BE FRANK FOR A MOMENT. ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT KANA?
WHACK
I MAY PLAY AROUND WITH WOMEN, BUT AT LEAST I TREAT THEM WITH DIGNITY.
UNLIKE YOU.
...
YOU YOURSELF SEEM TO BE QUITE THE WOMANIZER.
I'M PRACTICING SELF-RESPECT NOW.
THAT STUPID CAT!
YOU SEEM TO PREY ON JAPANESE WOMEN.
I HEARD IT FROM TAMA.
GLARE
DAMN IT...
EVERYTHING THIS GUY HAS DONE UP UNTIL NOW JUST MAKES ME SO MAD...
HM...

WHAT THE HELL!?
IT'S HUGE!!!
REFRESHED
SCARED STIFF
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!
COLD!
I WASN'T LOOKING AT ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR!!
HEY... THE HELL ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
YOU'RE WEIRDING ME OUT.
CHK
I LOOKED ...
EVEN THOUGH HE IS SHORTER THAN I AM...
HE MUST BE LARGER THAN THE AVERAGE JAPANESE MAN...
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY ...

HE'S GOT SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T SUIT HIS FACE AND BODY!!
IS THAT THE ITEM THAT MAKES HIM ABLE TO DUMP WOMEN?
THAT'S A BIT (TOTALLY) SHOCKING.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET'S GO.
?
MOPE
I SOMEHOW FEEL VERY OVER-WHELMED ...
I MEAN, I'M PRETTY BIG, TOO.
SLUMP
MIKE?
? ?
SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN! AND YOU EVEN BOUGHT ME SOUVENIRS...
IT WAS MY PLEASURE.
YEP, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TODAY!

NEXT TIME IT SHOULD BE JUST YOU AND ME.
NO!
GO WITH ME!!
NO, WITH ME!
NO ...
HEH
MIKE, KAKEI...
YOU TWO SURE GET ALONG WELL, DON'T YOU?
GIGGLE
HUH!?
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT IDEA!?
I MEAN... YOU TWO TALKED A LOT TOGETHER TODAY.
* THEY WERE FAKING.
AND AT LUNCH YOU TWO WERE LIKE A PAIR OF STAND-UP COMEDIANS!
* ANOTHER FAKE.
OH!
AND LATER, WHEN YOU CAME BACK FROM THE RESTROOM,
MIKE LOOKED UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING AND KAKEI WAS SO WORRIED!
!!

NO... YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, KANA!
IT WAS JUST THAT HE WAS SUDDENLY SO UPSET, AND...
HE WAS... WORRIED ... ABOUT ME!?
THUMP
BLUSH
...
... YEAH.
SMILE
IT WAS RUINING THE MOOD...
KAKEI, YOU'RE SO KIND.
TAKE CARE!
JUST NOW, WASN'T MY HEART WAS POUNDING BECAUSE OF THAT GUY?
GASP
I KNOW THAT KANA CAN MAKE MY HEART POUND, BUT...
S-
SEE YOU!
WELL THEN, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING TODAY!
BOW

... WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT?
NOTHING!!
SERIOUSLY?
...

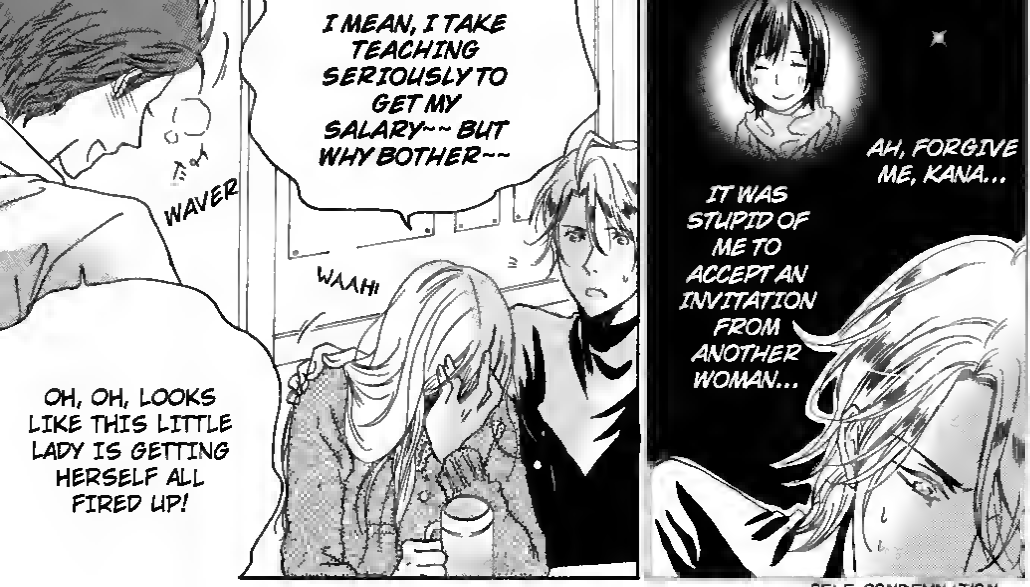
I'M NOT...
I JUST...
I'M NOT UPSET ABOUT ANYTHING!
IT WAS JUST THAT MY STOMACH HURT! (LIE)
REALLY!?
A STOMACH ACHE!?
YOU'VE BEEN ODDLY UPSET FOR A WHILE...
MOPE

IS YOUR STOMACH FEELING BETTER YET?
DON'T BE SO STUBBORN.
YOU TRASHED THE MOOD.
IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, JUST SAY SO!

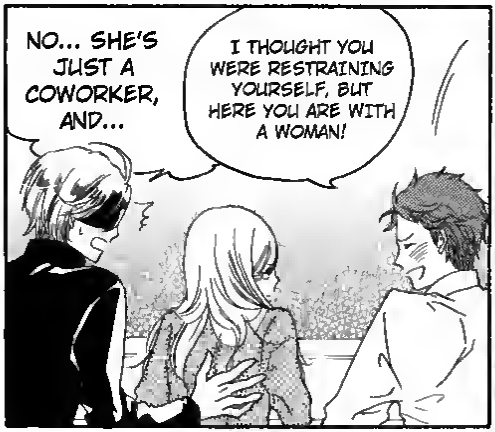
... YEAH, I'M FINE NOW.
BECAUSE I NEVER HAD A STOMACH ACHE.
A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS
...
TAKE IT FOR NOW.
YOU'RE SO QUIET, IT'S SCARY.
HERE'S SOME MEDICINE.
PEOPLE NEW TO OUR OFFICE SOMETIMES GET SICK.
YOU SHOULD TAKE A STOMACH ACHE SERIOUSLY.
WELL THEN, TAKE CARE.
GET BACK TO YOUR USUAL SELF.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S GOOD AT TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE...
HE DOES WORK WITH THE DOGGY...
I SEE... THIS CASUAL WAY OF CARING ABOUT SOMEONE
WOULD DEFINITELY MAKE A WOMAN'S HEART POUND...
A LITTLE THUMP
← ALSO MAKES HIS HEART POUND

PLUS HE SECRETLY HAS A HUGE PENIS.
BLUSH
...
IF WE WEREN'T RIVALS...
MAYBE I HAD ASSUMED WRONGLY ABOUT HIS PERSONALITY, BUT...
TO CARE FOR YOUR RIVAL LIKE THAT...
IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY SHOWING MERCY TO ONE'S ENEMY?
UNEXPECTEDLY...
MIKE...

OH, MS. MIYATA.
HOW ARE YOU TODAY? WANT TO GO OUT FOR A BIT?
FOR DRINKS?
HE CAN'T! MIKE'S BEEN SHOWING SOME SELF-RESTRAINT LATELY.
OH, IS THAT SO?
AH, BUT I COULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION.
I WANT TO DRINK
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
AS FAR AS WOMEN GO, DRINKS WITH A COWORKER IS SAFE, RIGHT...?
WELL, LET'S GO THEN!
SURE.
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT! (HIS EXCUSE)
YOU'RE SO LIVELY.
MS. MIYATA, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF.
SHE'S A BAD DRUNK!!
HOW CAN SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T STUDY BE SO UPPITY!?
WAH
THUNK
THAT STUDENT JUST SIMPLY HAS NO AMBITION!!


I MEAN, I TAKE TEACHING SERIOUSLY TO GET MY SALARY~~ BUT WHY BOTHER~~
WAVER
WAAH!
OH, OH, LOOKS LIKE THIS LITTLE LADY IS GETTING HERSELF ALL FIRED UP!
AH, FORGIVE ME, KANA...
IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION FROM ANOTHER WOMAN...

SELF-CONDEMNATION



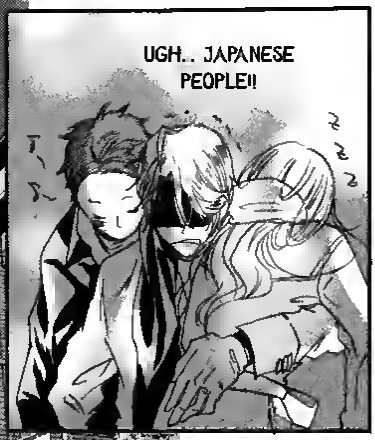
SIGH
MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING IS CAUSING YOU PAIN, MISS.
YOU KNOW, TODAY I HAD TO COVER FOR A COWORKER'S MISTAKE.

SOB わお
I HAVE TO DO WHATEVER THE CUSTOMER WANTS... BUT BECAUSE THEY'RE CUSTOMERS I CAN'T!
HE... HE'S DRUNK!?
THAT'S SO UNCOOL!
TWITCH
SOB わお
OH! I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!!
IN SHORT, IT SEEMS THAT WITH ME, HE NORMALLY BUILDS UP WALLS...
STAB スキ
YAY
YAY
YAY
YEAH, YEAH!
YAY
WHAT IS WITH HIM...!?
THE MOOD IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN WHEN HE WAS SOBER WITH ME!
YOU KNOW
NORMAL→
BAM
JULIET!
WE'RE KINDRED SOULS, ROMEO!!
NO!!
GLOMP
WHY DID I JUST FEEL THAT STABBING PAIN!?
RATTLE

WOBBLE
WOBBLE
KAKEI, WE'RE HEADING TO SNACK HIME* NEXT!
MS. MIYATA, CALM DOWN!!
TUG
MM, JULIET.
WE'RE GONNA GO ON AHEAD!
!?
I NEVER WANNA SEE THAT STUDENT AGAIN!!
* A BAR WITH LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT JAPAN

FWUMP

UH...
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU REALLY CAN'T SLEEP HERE...
!?


UGH... JAPANESE PEOPLE!!

I ENDED UP BRING HIM BACK TO MY FLAT WITH ME...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE LIVES...
WHEEZE
PANT
I MANAGED TO SEND MS. MIYATA HOME, BUT...
IT APPEARS BAD MANNERS WHEN ONE IS DRUNK IS FOUND ACROSS CULTURES...
SO... TIRED...
LA
LA
MY HEART
WILL GO ON
WOOF!
TMP
TMP
TMP
MAXIMILLIAN!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT UNDERSTANDS ME!
HUG
WOOF!
WOOF!
HAHA!!
WAG
WAG
WELCOME HOME!
WELCOME HOME!!
PANT
PANT
MIKE'S BELOVED DOG MAXIMILLIAN (SHIBA INU)

YOU'RE A DOG DADDY!
AND IT'S A SHIBA INU! SO SURPRISING!!
YOU'RE CUTER THAN I HAD THOUGHT!
!?
SHOCK
↑ DON'T POINT AT WESTERNERS! IT'S VERY RUDE!!
BUT... YOU KNOW...
HE SAW ME...!
SHUT IT!!
EVEN THOUGH YOU PRETEND TO BE SO SUAVE!!
HAHA
HAHA
PAT
PAT
HE REALLY IS A CUTIE.

WHAT IS WITH HIM...?
I DIDN'T KNOW...
THAT HIS FACE COULD LOOK SO KIND...
WHAT IS WITH THIS MOOD?
...

... HEY, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? HE'S VERY DRUNK...
WHINE
RUSTLE
...
BUT SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE...
AFTER ALL...

I AM COMPLETELY SOBER...
UH...
HE TASTES LIKE ALCOHOL...
... YOU HAVE... BEEN EXTREMELY CUTE FOR SOME TIME NOW...
YOU REACT CUTELY, TOO.
!
PANT
PANT

...
NO WAY!
IS THIS HOW IT IS WITH YOUR WOMEN?
SMIRK
WHA -
GRAB
MM...
PRETENDS TO BE THE CHEERFUL, REFRESHING TYPE..
HE...

BUT HE'S A WOLF!!
VRRRR
VRRRR
VRR
... MINE TOO.
OH... MY PHONE.
I'VE GOT A TEXT.
WHINE
...
VRRR
BED HAIR
VRRRR

!!
... HM?
IT'S FROM KANA!
THANKING ME FOR THE OTHER DAY!
YAWN
IT'S A BIT FUZZY, BUT I REMEMBER THAT YOU DEFINITELY WEREN'T SAYING NO!!
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU!? YOU SEEMED TO BE ENJOYING YOURSELF, SO YOU CAN'T TALK!
YOU... YOU SLEPT WITH ME BUT YOU'RE STILL AFTER KANA... !?
!?

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN JUST STOP SOMETHING ONCE YOU'VE PUT ON SPEED!?
CRASH!!
EVEN IF YOU TELL ME TO STOP!!
STOP IT!
I WAS DRUNK!
I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THAT YOU CAME ON TO ME FIRST!
DON'T POINT AT ME!
SCREECH
...!?
HEART PALPITATIONS...? IS IT MY AGE? I NEED TO TAKE SOME MEDICINE...
WHY IS MY HEART POUNDING SO QUICKLY ...?
SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE RUNNING AWAY
DID I JUST HEAR SOME-THING STRANGE ...?
WHAT DID WE PUT SPEED ON...?
I THINK I JUST SAID SOME-THING STRANGE ...?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT, THEN WHAT WAS IT...?
EXACTLY...
UH... RIGHT...
A-ANYWAY, WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WAS AN ACCIDENT...
ISN'T THAT WHAT... YOU WANTED... TO SAY?
JUST AS I HAD HOPED.
I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON...
GODDESS
GLARE
JUST SAYIN', I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LOSING TO YOU.
WHEN IT COMES TO KANA...
SPARK
SPARK
SPARK
AND THEN...
I'VE REALLY GOTTEN MYSELF INTO TROUBLE.
HSSSS
HUH!? WHAT IS THAT!?
WHAT WERE THEY DOING?
... KANA SAID...
THAT "MIKE AND KAKEI ACT LIKE LOVERS WHO CAN'T SEEM TO BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER." WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?
POCHI AND TAMA CH. 51 END

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POCHI AND TAMA

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ART
FUMIKO SHUSAI
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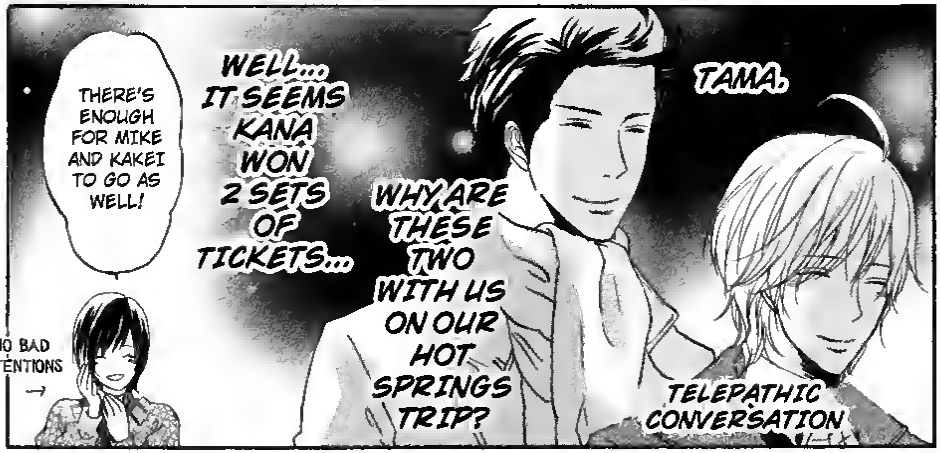
POCHI AND TAMA

A PAIR OF TICKETS FOR A HOT SPRINGS VACATION?
IS IT OKAY!? AFTER ALL, DIDN'T YOU WIN THEM, KANA?
THIS IS WHAT A SINGLE PHONE CALL BROUGHT ABOUT.
I'D FEEL BAD IF I TOOK THEM FROM YOU...
NO... PLEASE TAKE THEM!!
SO PLEASE, I WANT YOU AND MY BIG BROTHER TO GO!
GREAT!
IS IT REALLY OKAY?
THEN I GUESS WE HAVE TO!
THE TIME THE TICKETS ARE ARRANGED FOR IS RIGHT WHEN I PROMISED TO BE AT A FRIEND'S SEMINAR... SO I CAN'T GO.
AH!
ALSO...
THOSE TICKETS ...

WELCOME, WELCOME!
SENILE
SENILE
THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING ALL THIS WAY!
THE PRIDE OF MY RIBU INN IS THE NATURAL-SOURCED HOT SPRINGS WATER.
...
OUR WATER IS SULPHATE-RICH SALT WATER.
YOUR SKIN WILL BE SILKY AND THE HEAT DOES WONDERS FOR ACHES AND PAINS.
A CERTAIN UNNEEDED PAIR
EXCITED
EXCITED
IT ALSO HELPS WITH BONE FRACTURES AND HEMORRHOIDS.
WOW!!
I'VE GOT SOME ACHES AND PAINS FROM JOGGING AROUND TOO MUCH LAST WEEK!
FREE FLOWING HOT SPRINGS!!
OH MY!
...

WHAT'S THE DRAFT?
HEY!
...
OH...
HOHOHO. DURING THE WAR, THE DRAFT TOOK MY HUSBAND, SONS, AND EVERYTHING.
WOW! ARE YOU ALL RELATED? YOU LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE! AND YOU'RE ALL WOMEN!
CROWD
CROWD
I'LL LEAD YOU TO YOUR ROOMS.
I'LL TAKE YOUR LUGGAGE.

DRAFT: COMMON NAME FOR CONSCRIPTION


THERE'S ENOUGH FOR MIKE AND KAKEI TO GO AS WELL!
WELL... IT SEEMS KANA WON 2 SETS OF TICKETS...
WHY ARE THESE TWO WITH US ON OUR HOT SPRINGS TRIP?
TAMA.
NO BAD INTENTIONS →
TELEPATHIC CONVERSATION

WOAH!
I COULD NEVER ALLOW A LADY TO CARRY MY LUGGAGE!
YOUR JAPANESE IS GOOD!
THAT'S TRUE...
WELL, AS LONG AS WE HAVE SEPARATE ROOMS...
OUR BAGS ARE HEAVY, SO WE'LL CARRY THEM.
MY, MY

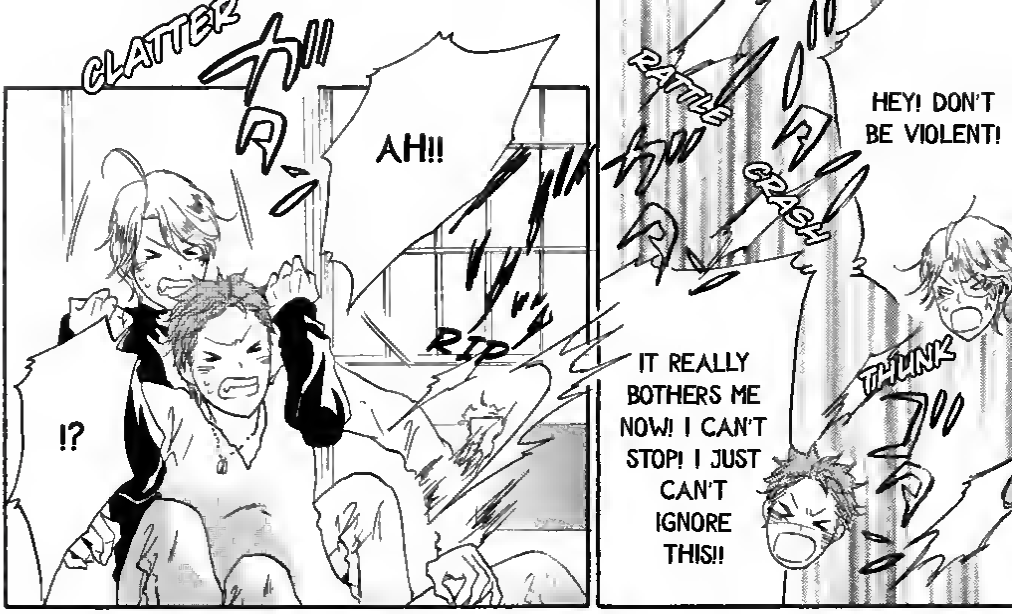
IT'S SO PRETTY!
IT'S NICE AND QUIET HERE.
YEAH.
I'M GLAD THAT THE WEATHER IS NICE.
I WISH THAT WE HAD A RESERVATION FOR THE BATHS...
HMPH
THAT WAY WE COULD TAKE OUR TIME, JUST THE TWO OF US...
HUH? REALLY? IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN'T TAKE OUR TIME NORMALLY.
I WILL.
?
NO... THAT'S NOT QUITE WHAT I MEANT...
I MEANT THE STUFF WE DO AT NIGHT...
?

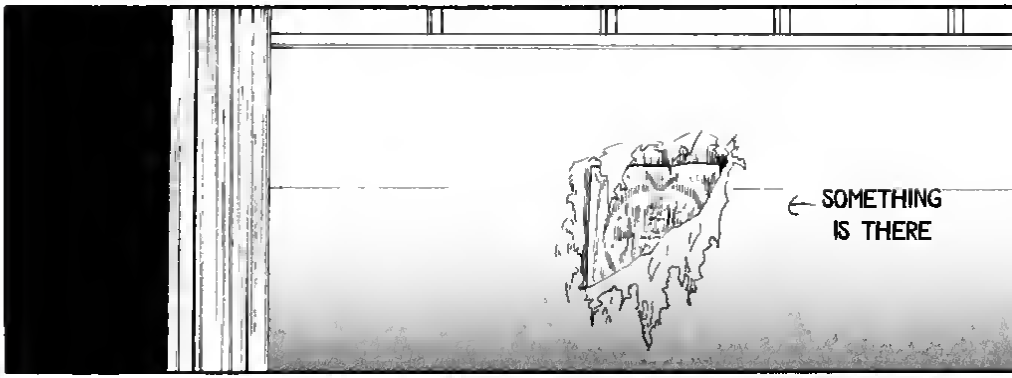
HUG
... FOR NOW, HOW ABOUT WE ENJOY OUR TIME IN THIS ROOM TOGETHER?
WAH!
YEAH!
ON THE OTHER SIDE ...
GASP
... WAIT? IF WE DON'T HAVE A RESERVATION THAT MEANS EVERYONE ELSE WILL SEE YOUR NAKED BODY!
HA HA
WHAT'S THE MATTER? IT'S FINE!
ALL THE OTHER GUESTS ARE OLD!
HMMM...

LIKE THIS?
AREN'T OFUDA THOSE THINGS YOU STICK ON VAMPIRES OR SOMETHING?
THEY'RE PROTECTIVE CHARMS YOU GET FROM A TEMPLE.
OFUDA?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I'M LOOKING FOR OFUDA!
SPAH
... HEY.
WHAT ARE YOU RATTLING AROUND FOR? WOULD YOU JUST CALM DOWN?
RATTLE
RATTLE

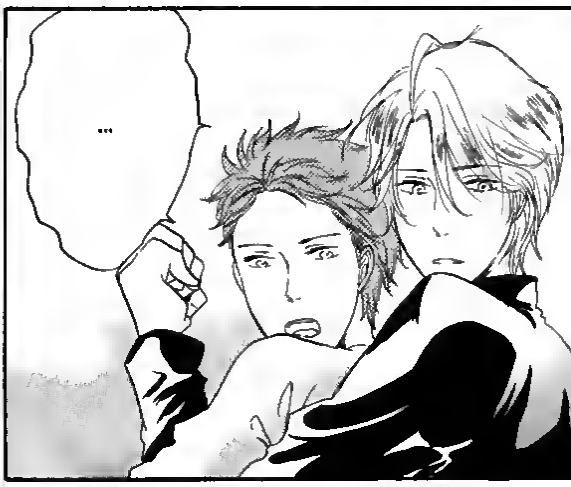
DON'T YOU KNOW...?
HAH
IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN JAPAN THAT INNS LIKE THIS COME WITH AN... INTERESTING PAST.
WHY WOULD YOU BE LOOKING FOR THAT?

* BROWNIES ARE HELPFUL HOUSE SPIRITS FROM ENGLISH FOLKLORE; THE ZASHIKI-WARASHI IS A CHILD-LIKE HOUSE SPIRIT.
DON'T YOU HAVE CREEPY HOTELS IN ENGLAND?
THEY SAY THAT IT CAUSES CHILLS TO RUN UP YOUR SPINE...
ZASHIKI-WARASHI?
THE ENGLISH CALL THEM "BROWNIES."*
SOMETIMES THEY SAY IT'S A ZASHIKI-WARASHI...
... INTERES-TING PAST? WHAT KIND OF INTERES-TING PAST!?
!?
A ROOM WITH OFUDA IN IT IS OFTEN A HOT SPOT FOR CREEPY FEELINGS.
IN JAPAN
ROAR
GRAB
CLATTER
LET ME GO!
BUT DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU WONDER...!?
THE FEAR OF JAPAN'S HORROR WORLD IS FELT ALL OVER!!
I SAID, DON'T LOOK!
CLATTER
IDIOT!
YOU DON'T LOOK FOR THAT KIND OF THING!
DON'T THEY SAY THAT IGNORANCE IS BLISS!?
THAT'S THE SORT OF THING 90% OF PEOPLE WOULDN'T THINK OF!
...
YOU IDIOT...


CLATTER
AH!!
RIP
!?
RATTLE
CRASH
HEY! DON'T BE VIOLENT!
IT REALLY BOTHERS ME NOW! I CAN'T STOP! I JUST CAN'T IGNORE THIS!!
THUNK


SOMETHING IS THERE

WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!
HUG


...

MM...
POCHI...
TAMA.
IT'S STILL DUSK OUT.
ISN'T THIS A LITTLE... ?
POCHI...
IT'S FINE JUST FOR TODAY, RIGHT?
...

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...

... YOU FOUND AN OFUDA?
IT'S JUST SUPERSTITION. IF YOU LOOK FOR IT, YOU'LL FIND IT, I THINK.
THAT'S RIGHT!!
YOU CAN ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU AREN'T ACTUALLY LOOKING!!

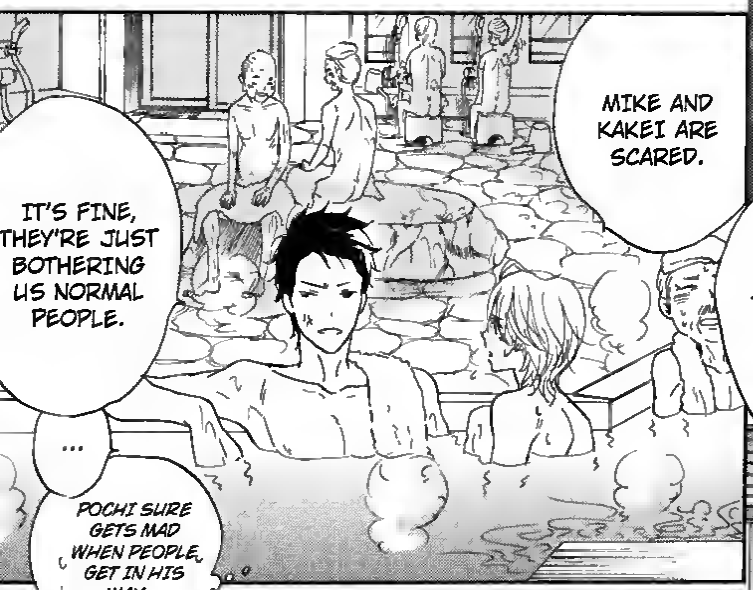
I DON'T WANNA GO BACK TO THAT ROOM!
DON'T SAY GHOST!
HUH!?
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU ACTUALLY SAW A GHOST, RIGHT?
SO THEN WHERE IS THE PROBLEM HERE?
OH MY, SO YOU'RE ALL GATHERED IN HERE?
I HAD JUST VISITED KAKEI'S ROOM.
YES?
PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
KNOCK
KNOCK
I SHOULDA BROUGHT A ROSARY...
I JUST WANTED TO ASK IF YOU WANTED BEER OR SAKE WITH YOUR DINNER TONIGHT.
AH, WE'LL HAVE BEER, PLEASE.
I'LL HAVE SAKE.
UNDERSTOOD.
UM...
I'LL HAVE A BEER!
MA'AM!!
THUNK

...
COULD YOU TELL ME WHY IT'S THERE ... ?
OUR ROOM, E3, HAD AN OFUDA IN THE SLIDING DOOR...
DEAR ME!
I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER. IS THERE REALLY ONE IN THERE?
THERE WAS! THERE DEFINITELY WAS!
OH DEAR.
THAT WAS PROBABLY A BAG OF FISH FLAKES OR SOMETHING.
FISH FLAKES !? IN THE DOOR?
TURN 3!
WELL...
I DO HOPE THAT NOTHING BAD HAPPENS...
SAY THAT WHILE FACING ME, OLD LADY!!
WELL, I DON'T THINK ANYTHING BAD HAPPENS, USUALLY.
USU-ALLY?
THINK!?
IT'S ALL VAGUE

YOU'RE ASKING THE IMPOSS-IBLE, OLD LADY!!
PLEASE RELAX AND DON'T WORRY YOURSELF OVER IT.
I'LL GO NOW...
SWP
WELL THEN.

PLEASE DON'T COME RUNNING INTO OUR ROOM.
... I'LL JUST SAY...

SILENCE
...


MIKE AND KAKEI ARE SCARED.
IT'S FINE, THEY'RE JUST BOTHERING US NORMAL PEOPLE.
...
POCHI SURE GETS MAD WHEN PEOPLE GET IN HIS WAY...

WASN'T THAT A BIT MUCH?
BATH

I FEEL BAD FOR MIKE AND KAKEI.
I HAVE TO WARN THEM SO THEY DON'T BOTHER US AT ALL TONIGHT...
I NEVER GET TO TAKE TAMA ON VACATION.
BECAUSE TAMA IS A HOMEBODY.
POCHI IS GOING TO HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST THEM...
...
NOM もぐ
NOM もぐ
NOM もぐ
... HEY, WANT TO LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON TONIGHT...?
... WHAT ELSE WOULD WE DO?
MAYBE WE COULD SLEEP IN THE ROOM WITH POCHI?
IMPOSSIBLE. THERE'S NO WAY THE DOGGY WOULD SAY YES TO THAT.
TRUE THAT...
HOW DARE YOU BOTHER ME.

IF IT BOTHERS YOU THAT MUCH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ROOMS...?
THE DOOR WAS FIXED WHILE WE WERE OVER IN POCHI'S ROOM...
I'VE BROUGHT YOUR BEER AND SAKE
CLATTER
SHOCK
HO HO HO
SHOCK
I'LL BET THAT OLD INNKEEPER WAS LYING TO US...
IT WAS REPAIRED QUICKLY
HEY, POCHI.
WE SHOULD BRING SOMETHING BACK FOR KANA.
YEAH... WE SHOULD BUY HER SOME FRESH SWEETS ON OUR LAST DAY.
HMM..
SURE.

KAKEI... AND MIKE...?
THEY'VE GOT THEIR LUGGAGE, SO...
YEAH.
HM?
SOMETHING SWEET FOR A GIRL IS A GOOD IDEA.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
GO STRAIGHT THIS WAY, THEN TURN RIGHT, AND YOUR ROOM SHOULD BE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.
I'LL LET YOU GO, THEN.
I'LL HAVE YOUR FOOD SENT TO YOUR ROOM.
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD.
THAT'S GOOD
HAVE THEY CHANGED ROOMS OR SOMETHING?
...
EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE TO PURCHASE THIS KEYRING.
CHING
HMM
...

AH, THIS IS SO MUCH BETTER!
NOW I CAN SLEEP SOUNDLY!
LET'S WEAR OUR YUKATAS~
MRR
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU'RE SO SLOW!
... I DON'T KNOW IF I PUT THE LEFT OR RIGHT SIDE ON TOP WITH THIS YUKATA...
YOU MEAN THE COLLAR?
YEAH...
HERE WE GO!
THE LEFT GOES ON TOP, LIKE THIS.
IF YOU PUT THE RIGHT ON TOP, IT'S FOR A FUNERAL.
HEY...!
I CAN DO IT MYSELF!
OH, IT'S FINE!

AND NOW WE TIE IT BEHIND YOU...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH HIM...?
AND NOW WE TURN THE BELT--
UGH...
IS HE ALREADY DRUNK FROM HIS BEER!?
BUT HE ONLY HAD ONE!!
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
THUMP
ドキ

THAT WAS... IT WAS A MISTAKE ON MY PART AS WELL...
... HUH?
HOW DO I TIE THIS BELT AGAIN?
GASP
はっ
THAT... THAT'S RIGHT, WE'VE...
BLUSH
かぁ...

UH...
AND THIS IS MY CHANCE TO REDEEM MYSELF...
I FORGOT HOW TO TIE THE BELT.
?
I GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE...
HEY, I'M SORRY...
LAST TIME I QUIETLY LET IT HAPPEN, BUT NOW...
IT...

I...
CHING
THUMP
I BOUGHT ONE FOR YOU, SO YOU SHOULD PUT IT ON YOUR PHONE LATER.
OH... THANKS.
YEAH, IT'S A PRETTY COLOR.
IT'S AQUA BLUE.
HMM?
YOU BOUGHT A KEY CHAIN?
HEH

SMOOCH
MM...
HEY, POCHI...!
DON'T LIE TO ME...
I... I MEAN...
ABOUT WHAT?
ABOUT WHY YOU'VE BEEN HAPPY SINCE WE GOT OUT OF THE BATH...
... WHAT IS IT, POCHI?
YOU'VE BEEN SO UPBEAT SINCE A BIT AGO.
HAVE I?
THUMP
YOU HAVE. YOU WERE SO ANGRY UNTIL WE GOT OUT OF THE BATH.
HAHAHA.

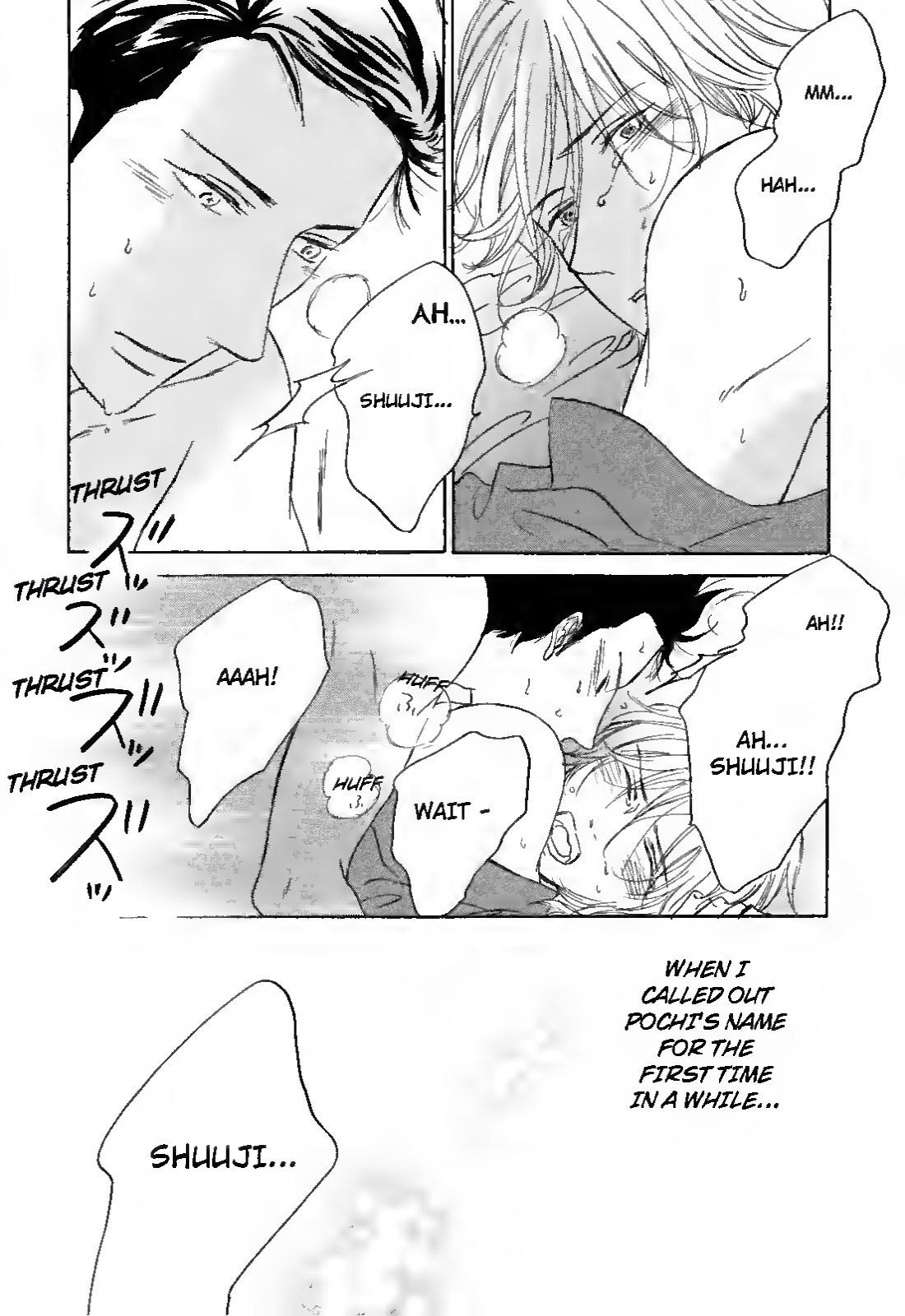
I'LL TELL YOU LATER.
WAH!
HOLD ON, POCHI...!
P-POCHI...
SMOOCH
HAH...
OH...
TAMA!
GRAB
TODAY HE WON'T RELAX AND GO WITH THE FLOW...
IS HE NERVOUS BECAUSE WE'RE ON A TRIP?
SMOOCH
TWIST
...
... HEY.
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH KAKEI AND MIKE...
NGH

RIGHT NOW, YOU THINK ONLY OF ME.
DON'T SAY THE NAMES OF OTHER MEN.
POCHI IS KINDA POUTY...
BLUSH
...
...
OKAY.
THUMP
IT'S KINDA CUTE.

SLURP
P-POCHI...
YES...
YEAH?
PANT
AH!
IS SOME-THING...
AH!
TODAY POCHI IS JUST TEASING ME...
TWITCH
PANT
TWITCH
PANT
HAH...
AAH...
SLIP
GASP
SMOOCH
RUB
RUB

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE...
SCHLICK
SCHLICK
SCHLICK
AH!
WOW, YOU CAME A LOT.
STICKY
IS IT BECAUSE WE'RE NOT AT HOME?
AM I WRONG?
...
YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY RESISTANT TODAY.
TK
I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?
...
GROAN

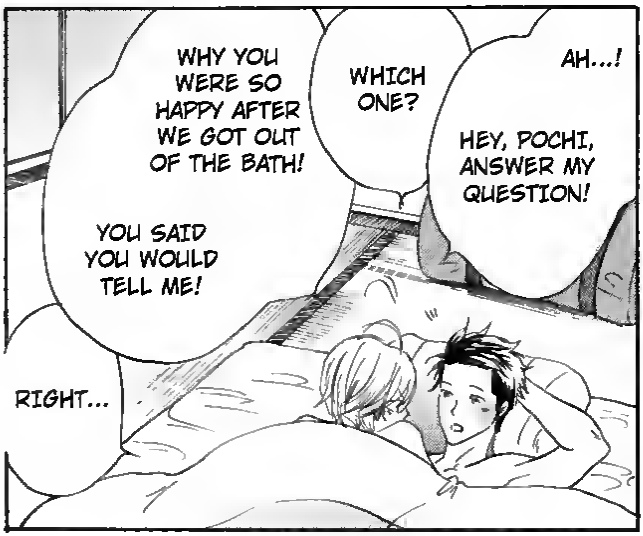
HA HA SORRY.
I DON'T THINK IT'S A BAD THING, THOUGH...
HUG
IF YOU ALREADY KNOW, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT, POCHI!
AND NOW...
I WANT YOU, POCHI.
AAH!
THRUST
AH!
THRUST
PANT
PANT
POCHI...
THWAP


MM...
HAH...
AH...
SHUUJI...
THRUST
THRUST
THRUST
THRUST
AAAH!
HUFF
HUFF
WAIT -
AH!!
AH... SHUUJI!!
SHUUJI...
WHEN I CALLED OUT POCHI'S NAME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE...

I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE THIS TRIP TOGETHER

MIGHT BE LIKE A HONEYMOON THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TREASURE.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I NOTICED...



YOU SEE... KAKEI AND MIKE WERE MAKING A FUSS OVER THAT OFUDA, RIGHT?
AND IT LOOKED LIKE AFTER THAT, THEY GOT TO SWICH ROOMS.
I SAW THEM WHEN WE GOT OUT OF THE BATH.
I SEE!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!
AFTER THAT I ASKED THE INNKEEPER ABOUT IT.
YOU KNOW, ABOUT THE OFUDA IN THEIR ROOM.
HEE HEE.
SO QUICK!
WHEN DID YOU DO THAT!?
AND? WHAT DID SHE SAY?
THAT OFUDA THAT KAKEI AND MIKE FOUND WAS...
RUMBLE
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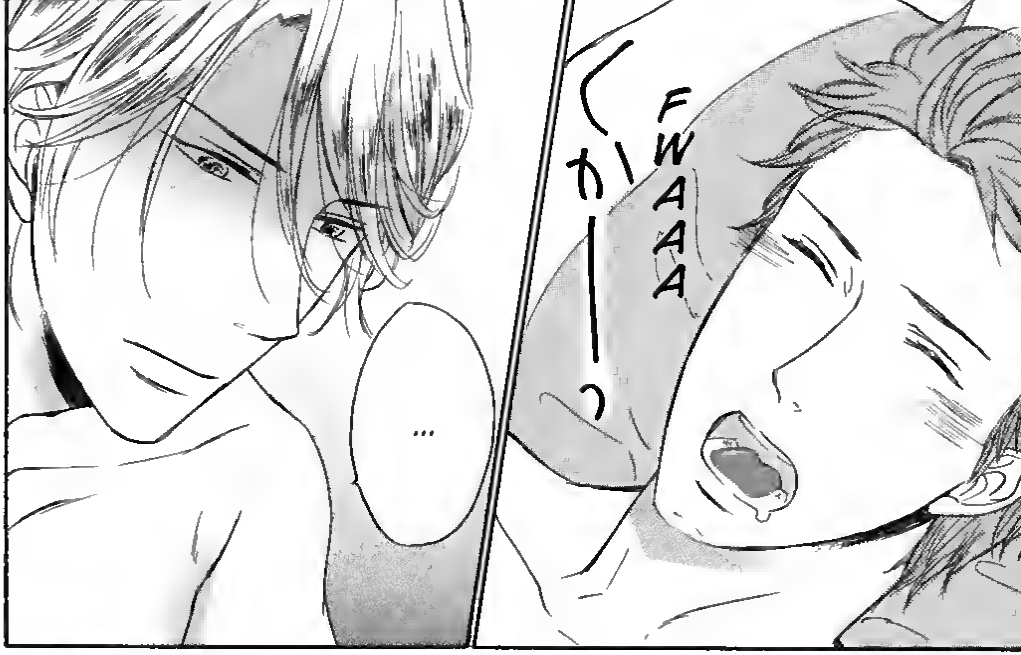
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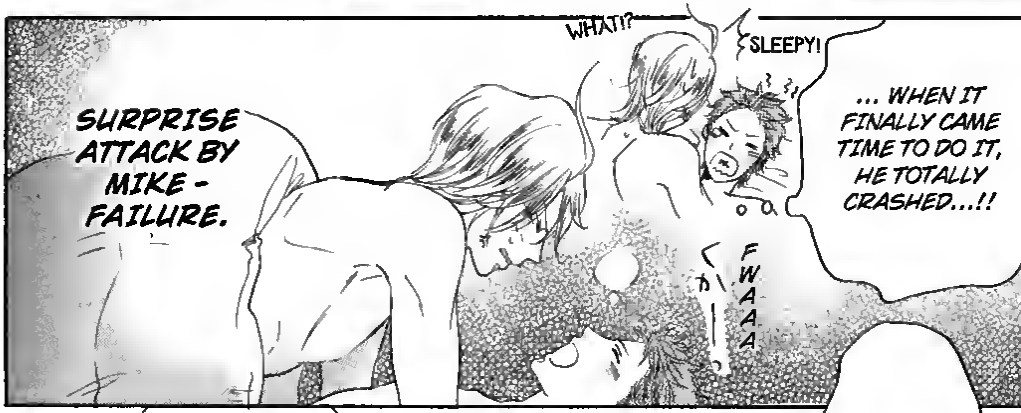
WHAT!?
SLEEPY!
... WHEN IT FINALLY CAME TIME TO DO IT, HE TOTALLY CRASHED...!!
SURPRISE ATTACK BY MIKE - FAILURE.
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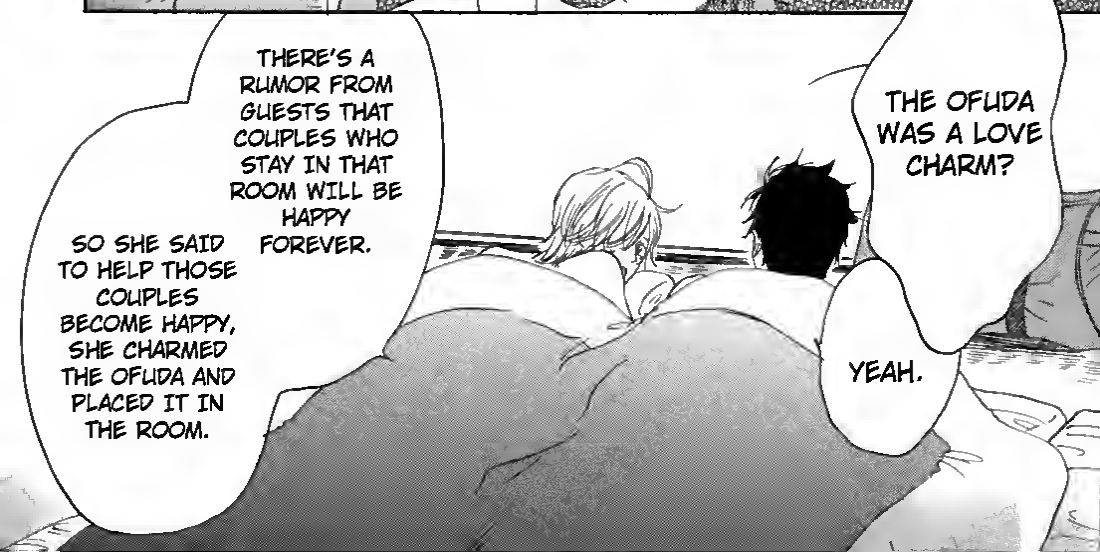
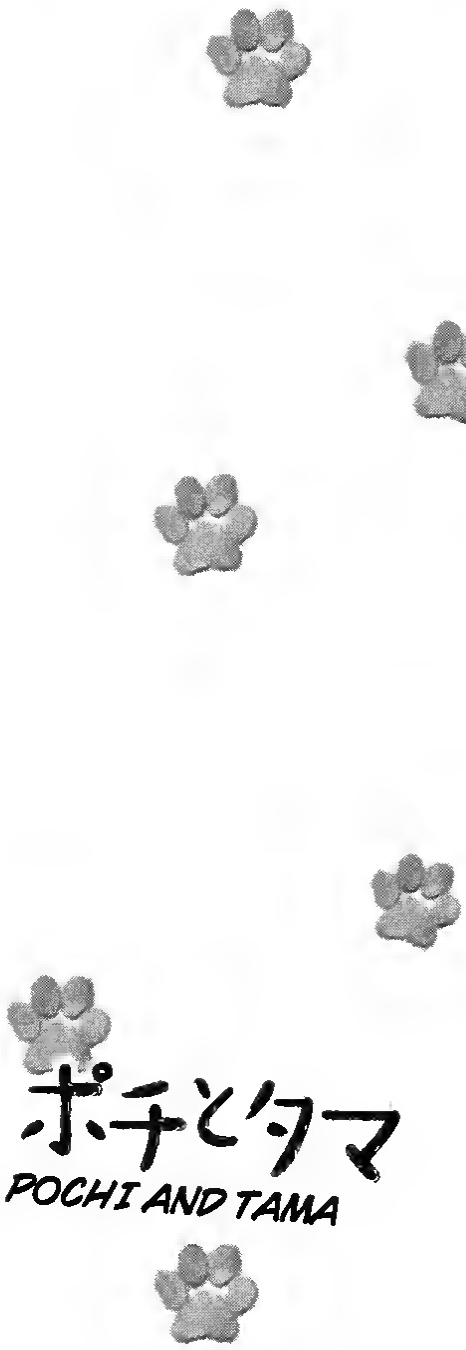

THE OFUDA WAS A LOVE CHARM?
YEAH.
THERE'S A RUMOR FROM GUESTS THAT COUPLES WHO STAY IN THAT ROOM WILL BE HAPPY FOREVER.
SO SHE SAID TO HELP THOSE COUPLES BECOME HAPPY, SHE CHARMED THE OFUDA AND PLACED IT IN THE ROOM.

... NEXT YEAR, WE SHOULD STAY IN THAT ROOM SO WE CAN BE HAPPY FOREVER.
SO IT SEEMS KAKEI AND MIKE HAVE MISSED THEIR CHANCE TO BE HAPPY FOREVER!
WHAT A WASTE!
OH MAN!
GIGGLE
THEY DID!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
BUT I BET IF THEY HEARD ABOUT IT THEY'D JUST GET ALL SILLY.
KAKEI AND MIKE WERE TOO BUSY BEING SCARED TO LEARN ABOUT IT.
HO HO HO
I THINK SHE WAS TEASING A LITTLE THOUGH.
... NO, THERE'S NO NEED.
EVEN IF WE DON'T STAY THERE,
WE'LL ALWAYS BE HAPPY ANYWAY.
...
POCHI AND TAMA CH. 5 / END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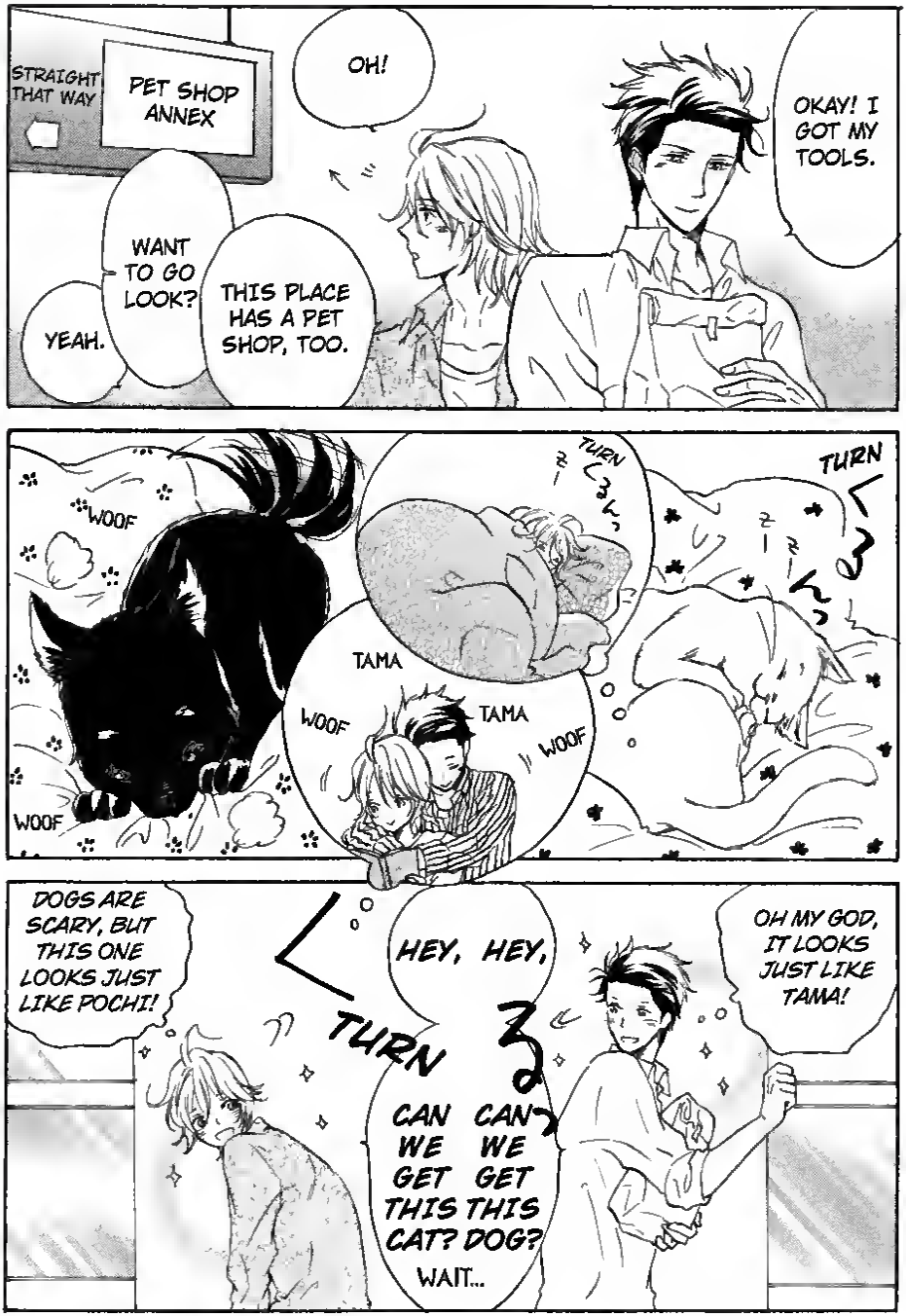
POCHI AND TAMA

THE GROOM'S FEELINGS, THE BRIDE'S FEELINGS

AFTER OUR HOT SPRINGS TRIP, TAMA VENTURED OUTSIDE JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN HE USED TO.
TAMA, I NEED TO HEAD TO THE HOME CENTER TO GET SOME TOOLS.
MAYBE I'LL GO TOO...
OH, HE WANTS TO GO? THAT'S A GOOD CHANGE IN HIS MENTAL STATE.
IT'S ALL WELL AND FINE TO STAY COOPED UP INSIDE, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO GO OUTSIDE, TOO.
WAIT...
CLING
HEH
HE'LL GET A BIT OF VITAMIN D FROM THE SUN... I WONDER IF HE KNOWS HOW I WORRY ABOUT THE DETERIORATION OF HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION?
THINKING LIKE A MOTHER
CLING
VITAMIN D HELPS MAKE YOUR BONES STRONG, MEOW!! YOU CAN GET YOUR DAILY DOSE FROM THE LIGHT OF THE SUN, MEOW!
MEOW!
I GET LONELY WHEN POCHI IS OUT OF THE HOUSE...
CLING
BUT IT'S JUST THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE APART FROM POCHI.
GETS LONELY EASILY.

A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER



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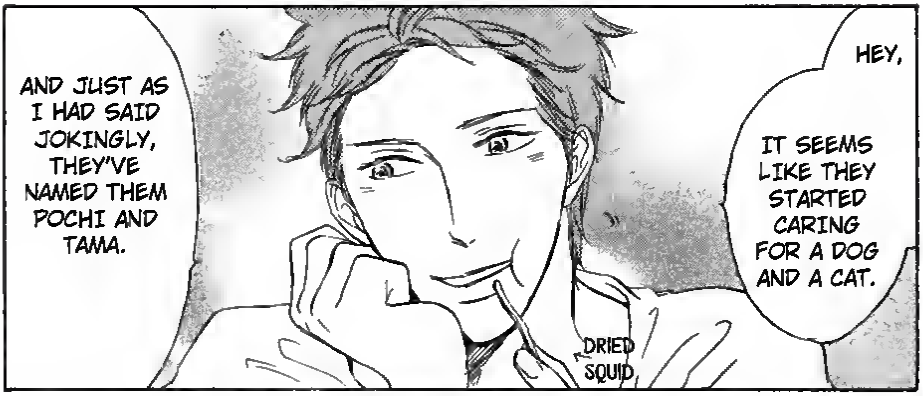
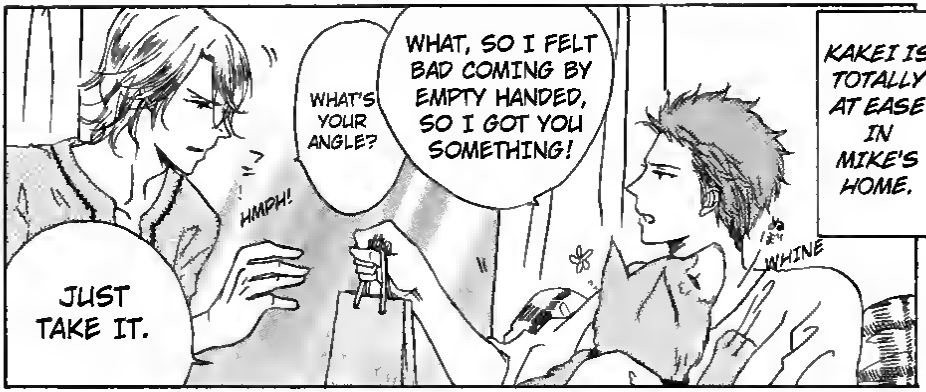
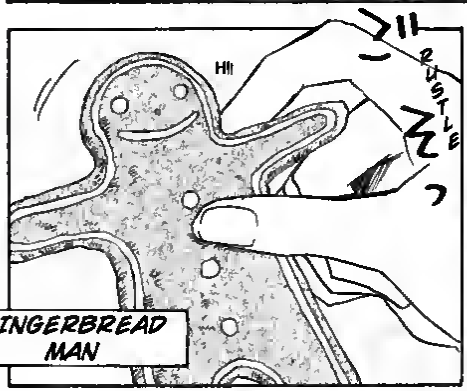

AND JUST AS I HAD SAID JOKINGLY, THEY'VE NAMED THEM POCHI AND TAMA.
HEY,
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY STARTED CARING FOR A DOG AND A CAT.
DRIED SQUID

NO.
BECAUSE I HAVE YOU!!
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE BUT ME HAS A PET.
I WANNA GET ONE TOO...

WHY ARE YOU GETTING CALM IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME!?
STOP! SQUID IS BAD FOR HIS DIGESTION! DON'T FEED HIM!
WANT SOME SQUID?
CAN I?
I FEEL CALM WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME!
SLAM


KAKEI IS TOTALLY AT EASE IN MIKE'S HOME.
WHAT, SO I FELT BAD COMING BY EMPTY HANDED, SO I GOT YOU SOMETHING!
WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE?
HMPH!
JUST TAKE IT.
WHINE



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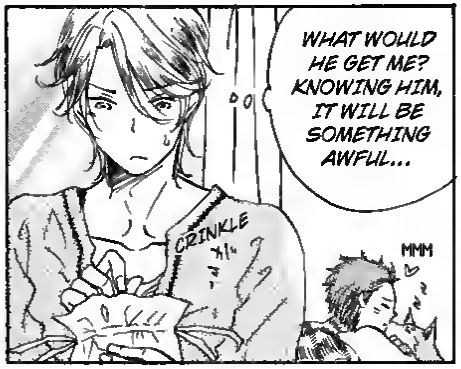
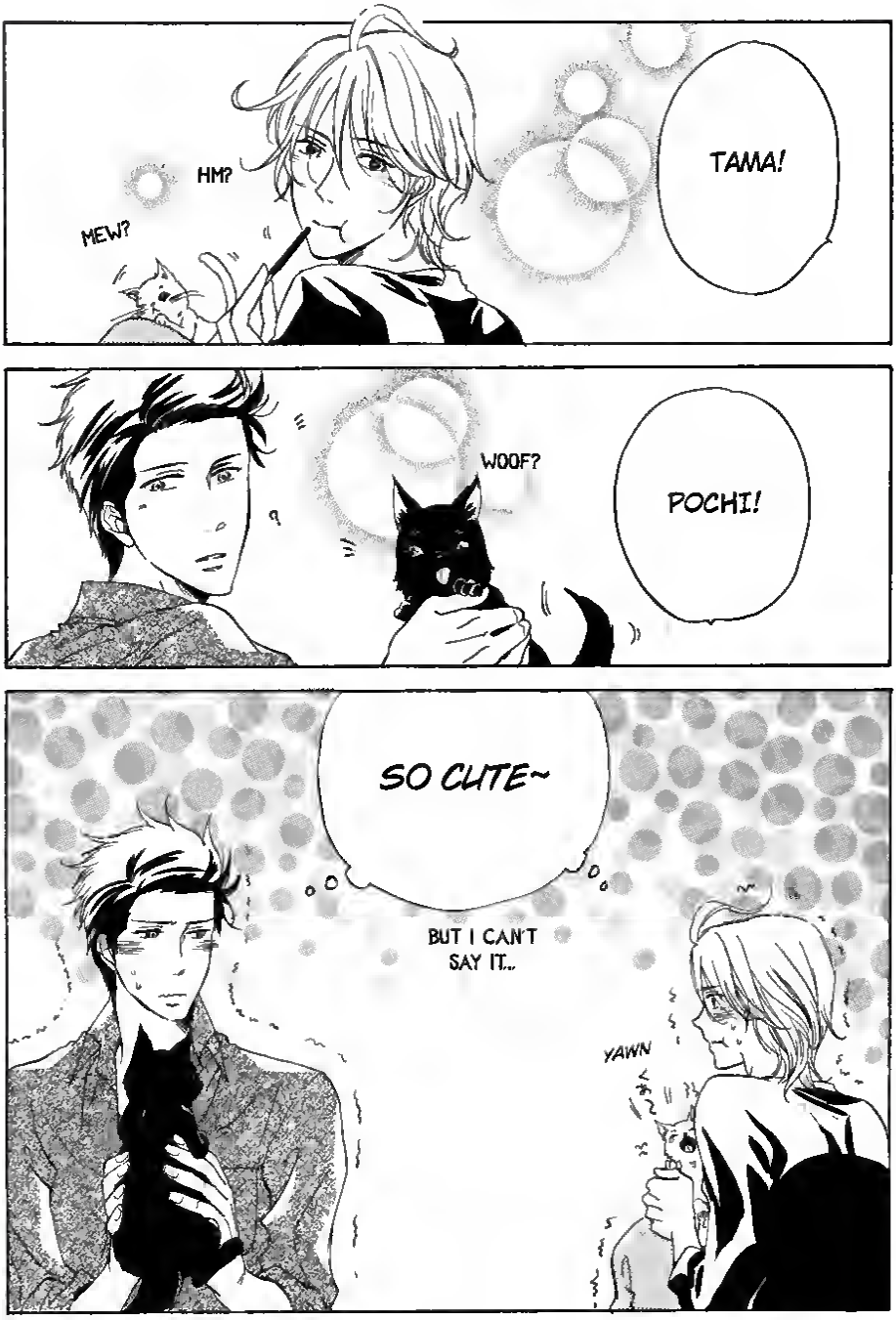


KAKEI HAS LEARNED A LOT OF THINGS.
!?
THUMP
• THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS, BUT MOST WESTERNERS HAVE ASSOCIATIONS WITH GINGER.
LIKE GINGER ALE!
MEOW!
GINGERBREAD MAN AND GINGER MARMALADE BEER WINE AND OTHER FOODS HAVE GINGER MANY LOVE IT!

THINGS GO WELL, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

MIKE WAS HAPPY.

DOUBLE POCHI-TAMA

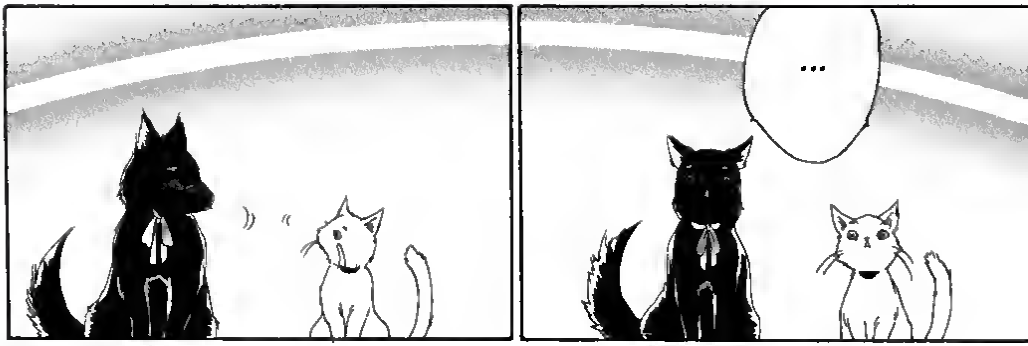


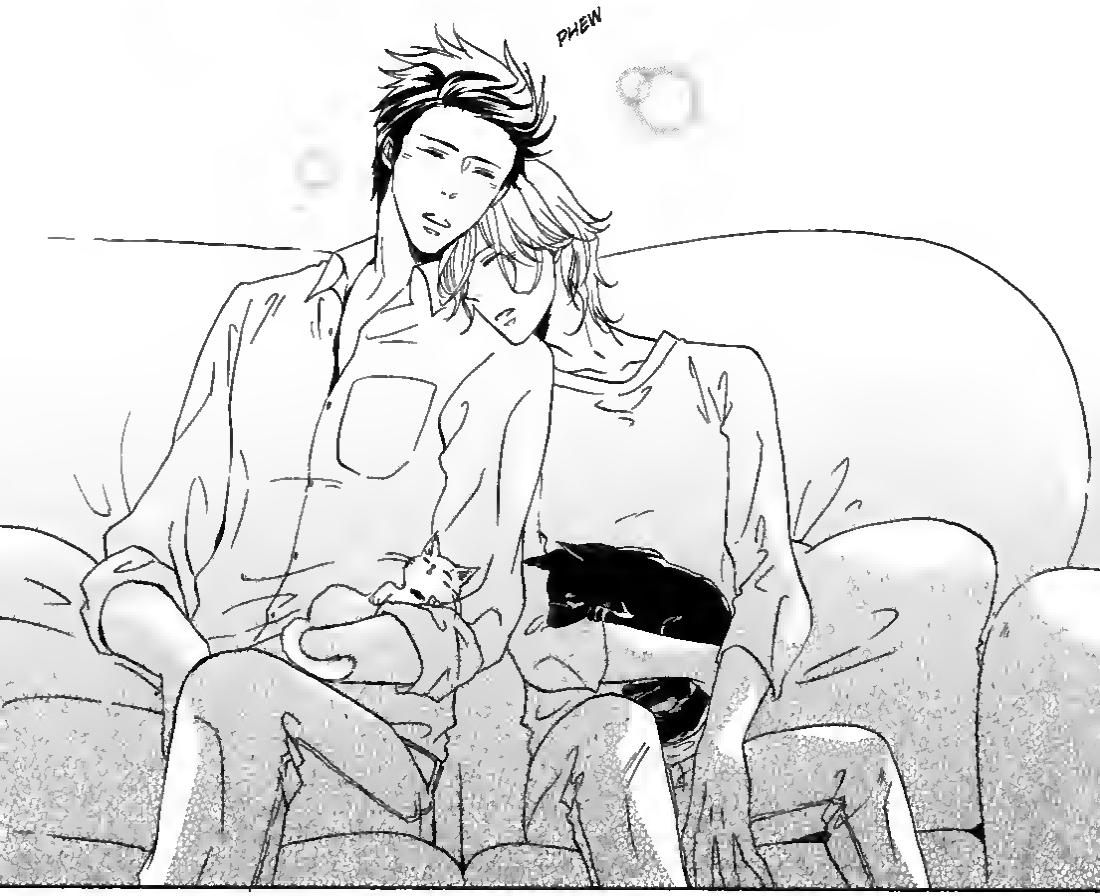
FLAP
FLAP
PHEW
SNIFF
SNIFF
BOW WOW!
WAG
WAG
SNAP

SLEEPY SLEEPY
SO SLEEPY...
PLAY WITH ME...
WHINE
I GUESS I HAVE TO.
STRETCH
HOORAY!
WHAT DO YOU WANNA PLAY
WAP
WAP
YOU MEAN YOU DION'T HAVE AN IDEA?

SPARKLE
キラ
SPARKLE
キラ
JAR OF HONEY
STARE
じっ…
WOAH...
WHAT'S THAT?
PRETTY!
SLIP
カリ
OUCH!
EEEK!
WHAT!?
JUMP
ぴょう
JOLT

AAH!
MEW!
WOOF!
FWIP
THUMP
BODY CATCH!
CRASH
IT'S OKAY.
...SORRY.
...
WOOF?
MEOW?
YOU'RE GOING TO SLEEP?
I'LL JUST GO TO SLEEP.
SLUMP





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